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Quick Look

Northwest celebrates human sciences week

This week students are celebrating Northwest's fourth annual Human Environmental Sciences Week.

The week's events included the 20th annual Poverty Symposium and a recognition banquet. The banquet acknowledged students, graduates, academic honorees, scholarship recipients and research participants.

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Source: Missourian Daily survey

Karen Nagel/Graphics Editor

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by Burton Taylor

University News Editor

Six online courses are available through Northwest's curriculum. However, when compared to regular in-state and out-of-state tuition, students pay more to enroll in the online classes.

Currently, online courses cost the same as conventional courses. But because online instruction is not supported by the state, Northwest will charge more to cover its costs, Provost Tim Gilmour said.

The price to enroll in an online course in the fall 1999 trimester will jump to \$175 per credit hour. The price per credit hour for a Missouri resident to take a course next fall is \$102.25, and out-of-state students will pay \$173.25. In-state graduate students will pay \$126.75 and out-of-state graduate students will pay \$216.25 per credit hour.

Gilmour said because the state does not grant the University any additional funding

for the online courses, it has to accommodate for the price to offer the service. There are four main aspects the University must fund: instruction, faculty time, cost per credit hour and administrative support of the courses.

"All of those things are costs that are not covered by the state in this case and so we have to recover what we think are reasonable costs, so that is why we have increased the credit hour cost by almost 100 percent," Gilmour said.

However, Gilmour said the benefits of the online courses outweigh the drawbacks. The courses were initially intended for potential students off campus who have a desire to further their education while working full time or raising a family, Gilmour said.

The online courses can also be used by students at Northwest who have conflicting course times or want to take classes from home during the summer.

Gilmour said he does not believe this type of instruction will be a dominant force in America's education, but should remain an alternative option for students.

"We do not see it in any way replacing what we've got in our traditional program, we just see it as a program type of course that extends our ability to serve a whole variety of constituents including our on campus students and those who simply can't get here," Gilmour said.

Online courses are not the only ones that will suffer an increase in the fall; all credit hours will increase.

Until next fall, in-state students are being charged \$90.75 per credit hour. This price will be increased by \$11.50. Out-of-state students currently pay \$157.75 per credit hour, but will have to pay \$15.50 more next semester. In-state graduate students' tuition will increase by \$14 per credit hour, and out-of-state graduate students' tuition will increase by \$19.25.

Online Course Costs

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Greeks fill theater, kick off annual event

Trey Livingston of Tau Kappa Epsilon won the title of Zues during the Zues and Hera contest on Monday night at the Charles Johnson Theater. He portrayed Britney Spears for his portion of the competition.

Kristi Benton/Missourian Photographer



by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Charles Johnson Theater was filled with laughter Monday as this year's Zeus and Hera were crowned for Greek Week, which begins Saturday.

Jessie Koehn, Phi Mu sophomore, and Trey Livingston, Tau Kappa Epsilon sophomore, were able to convince the panel of judges to vote for them by being the funniest.

Zeus and Hera is a contest in which individuals represent their fraternities or sororities by competing to be crowned as the week's most prestigious Greek couple. With this honor they attend a majority of the activities throughout the week.

The Zeus and Hera contest is a way to help Greek students get in the mood for Greek Week and to enjoy themselves said Kate Counter, chairperson of activities.

"Having this contest helps get people pumped up for the week ahead of them," Counter said. "All the activities are promoted for the Greeks and this is something fun for the students to watch and take part in."

The contestants go through two rounds of competition to be eligible for these awards. In the first round, the competitors attempt to win the crowd over by performing a music song or comedy act.

Kohen showed her creativity by impersonating a puppet show similar to the "Sifel and Olley Show" on the Music Television station. She named the show Zeus and Hera but only had one puppet, Hera, to symbolize how it was lost without having her man because he left her.

Livingston displayed his comical side and had people rolling in the aisles when he and several sorority cheerleaders acted out the husky,

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Senate elections to end Friday

by Burton Taylor
University News Editor

Student Senate elections are in full force with two days left of campaigning and voting.

Voting began Monday and is running until 5 p.m. Friday.

For the most part, senators said the week of voting is going well.

However, some changes were made this year, and some problems have been recognized.

Campaigning is slightly different this year after Student Senate decided to allow candidates to campaign during the week of voting.

This has not been allowed in recent years because Student Senate has wanted to keep the competition of students under control, Elections Committee chairwoman Melanie Coleman said.

However, the change has not presented any problems so far and is looked at as a benefit to Northwest students and candidates, Senate adviser Robert Dewhurst said.

"I hope it will help the turnout and hope it will motivate students to go vote," Dewhurst said. "I am glad

they are doing it. I like anything that gives them more of an opportunity to campaign and gives students more time to vote."

One aspect of the Senate elections some students recognize as a problem is the method of voting.

The VAX has been used in recent years as a voting booth for students. However, the instructions are unclear, which is causing students who are trying to vote problems, education major Jeff Taylor said.

"I wasn't able to represent myself as a Northwest student by voting for Laurie Zimmerman and her ticket because of the poor quality of the VAX system," Taylor said.

Kristen Farley, off-campus repre-

sentative candidate, agreed with Taylor and said the VAX can be complicated.

She said efforts were made last year to simplify the process, but there may be more things that need to be worked out.

Farley said although the VAX may deter some students she thinks, because of the campaigning and word of mouth, the voter turnout will be high.

"People came up with more ideas to make people aware of voting and who to vote for, and I also think a lot more people are voting, too," Farley said.

Ballots for voting are found on the VAX and are reached by typing "vote" at the prompt.

Northwest football player diagnosed with cancer

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

Concern is hovering over the Bearcat football season as a member of the team was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Junior cornerback Greg Wayne reportedly has a form of cancer in his upper leg near the groin area and will be undergoing chemotherapy throughout next season.

"I'm still trying to deal with it right now," head football coach Mel Tjeerdsema said. "There's a lot of options still out there as far as treatment is concerned."

Tjeerdsema would not comment any further and Wayne could not be reached for comment.

As part of the Bearcat's national championship team, Wayne, who is from St. Louis, appeared in 15 games for the Bearcats last season, made 47 tackles and grabbed three interceptions. Next year Wayne, a broadcasting major, will begin his fourth season as a member of the football team.



Junior cornerback Greg Wayne undercuts his opponent in hopes to make a tackle. Wayne was diagnosed with cancer and is not expected to return next year due to the medical treatment.

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OUR VIEW

What Senate?

Elected members cry wolf year after year despite guarantees

Every year the newly elected Student Senate officers promise to make positive changes for the student body, but are these changes ever followed through? This topic needs to be reviewed because they are elected to represent the entire student body.

We need to back track to the beginning of the year and examine the goals some of the current officers made. The first goal is what the organization's president said in wanting to leave the Senate a better place when she left it. If this were true, the group wouldn't be experiencing the financial problems it is now.

This year the Senate was granted an increase of \$4,000, from a \$5,000 budget, to allocate funds to more organizations on campus, but all \$9,000 was spent before midterms for this semester.

The way money was given to student organizations for various expenses could have been budgeted better than it was. Giving \$700 to the Residence Hall Association, \$1,500 to the Women's Soccer Club, and \$1,150 to the Bearcat Steppers for all expense paid trips was unnecessary since there are more organizations on this campus in need of money now.

Could there have been a Student Senate who could have put their foot down and trim some of the expenses so there would be money left for the rest of the trimester?

However, President Angel McAdams did attempt to make positive changes to Senate by having a strong freshman representation.

"There were 25 freshman at meetings every week and only four could vote," McAdams said. "That makes us feel that we did make some of the right decisions in wanting to get involvement from the student body."

It is not just the president's fault but the whole Student Senate should have been stronger in saying no to handing out so much money so early in the year.

The treasurer's goal at the beginning of the spring was to make sure the budget would not go into the negative.

It is the beginning of the fourth month and the bank account is empty, what can be done about this?

The whole problem lies only not with Student Senate but with the student body because there are not enough votes from students to make a real impact.

The number of voters last April was 700 for a campus that has over 6,000 students. Maybe not everybody believes in voting, but maybe it is about time we started to pay better attention to what goes on with student government.

MY VIEW

Difficult winter leaves little incentive for spring renewal



Jennifer Meyer

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Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth. It is a time for the trees and flowers to bloom and the grass to green. But what does it mean for us? How do we become renewed or reborn, especially after a difficult winter?

helped me deal with death and what Easter is: a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and the release from our sins and pain.

I am a Christian and I believe that God does not give us more than we can handle. I was taught that when everyone else fails you, when there is nothing left to rely on, God will always be there. This is comforting to me and I have had to rely on God to carry me through some difficult times.

I have not lost a parent like some of my friends have recently so I don't know the pain they feel. But I have lost grandparents, family members and close friends so I know the pain of death.

I have blamed Him for taking people from my life, but I thank Him more for allowing those people to be in my life for the time they were.

It hurts me to see people turning from God when they really need Him to get through the pain. I wonder if they know there is good that can come from death. I would give anything to have the people back that I have lost, but I wouldn't trade a day I have lived as a Christian since they left.

I understand the difficulty of seeking Him when you blame Him, but that is how I was able to find a new life in spring after a difficult winter.

Jennifer Meyer is a photography editor for The Northwest Missourian.

This past winter was tough for many of my friends who experienced the deaths of family members and loved ones. What incentive do they have to experience a new life now in the spring?

When someone dies, there is a reaction by some to blame God for taking their loved one. The questions "why me?" or "why them?" often cross their lips. Seeking answers from the One we blame is tough when we have lost sight of God and the trust and faith in Him. Whether we are deeply rooted in our faith or not, God can become the enemy.

This past weekend was Easter, the religious time of year marking spring, renewal and rebirth. As I sat in church on Easter Sunday, I thought back to what I had been taught when I was young, what has

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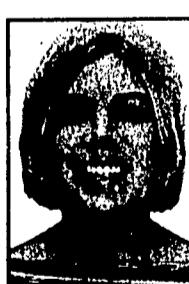
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Simulation opens students' eyes

America's poverty addressed in correlation with HES week



Monday afternoon at the poverty simulation in the Administration Building Arianne Schaefer and Gina Hartschok discover, for the first time, the frustrations people run into living in poverty.

Amy Jesse/Missourian Photographer

by Sarah Y. Johnson
Missourian Reporter

Nearly 50 Northwest students may no longer take a comfortable home and a warm meal for granted after participating in a poverty simulation Monday.

As a part of Human Environmental Sciences week, approximately 45 students discovered what life is like living in poverty.

The northwest region's 15th annual poverty simulation was presented by the Reform Organization of Welfare and directed by Human Environment Sciences Specialist Beth Burke.

"This is to get people to think more about people in poverty, what they go through, their trials and to be more sensitive to their needs," Burke said.

Students majoring in food service and restaurant management, family and consumer economics and dietetics participated.

Carissa Cureton, dietetics major, said by participating in the activities, she will have a better perception of impoverished people.

"I think this will give me a better understanding of people in poverty and will allow me to relate to them better and to understand their frustration," Cureton said.

Students who participated were assigned to groups of four and were given packets, including a mock family profile.

The students were then given four 15-minute "weeks" where they were required to budget their money, manage their household and survive with the limited amount of resources that were provided.

Stations were set up representing a bank, grocery store, pawn shop and other businesses in order to enforce the reality of financial challenges.

Afterward, the groups were encouraged to discuss their frustrations and emotions while enduring the obstacles presented.

Janelle Ciak, assistant professor of food and nutrition, said the students became more aware of the validity behind the statistics.

"We hope to educate people on the realities of poverty and the poverty syndrome," Ciak said.

Educating people is exactly what they did. Cureton realized she could be more empathetic to people living in conditions that had been unfamiliar to her.

"It has shown me that I should be more sensitive and understanding to people who are working hard and making it with the little they have," Cureton said.

Graduation speaker to travel from Penn State

by Burton Taylor
University News Editor



J.D. Hammond
...spring 1999 commencement speaker...

J.D. Hammond is currently Penn State's Smeal College of Business and Administration dean.

Hammond has been given many awards for his dedication to quality while working at the university.

According to John A. Brighton, executive vice president and provost at Penn State, Hammond has brought national acclaim to the Smeal College and has lead to improve its overall quality as an institution.

Ken White, director of communications and marketing, said Hammond is an impressive, bright speaker who should keep the interest of everyone attending the graduation ceremony.

Provost Tim Gilmour said Hammond has greatly affected Penn State University and has a drive for quality that mirrors Northwest's ultimate goal.

"He has been very successful, he has taken that college into the national ranking and he has been committed to continual improvement," Gilmour said.

Academy to receive state endorsement

by Burton Taylor
University News Editor

Northwest's plans to begin an academy in the summer of 2000 for high school students received state recognition this month.

The state's Coordinating Board for Education, Board of Education, and the University of Missouri Board of Curators all approved Northwest's desire to offer the program.

The University was not required to obtain state support, but the administration views it as another incentive to get the academy for computers, science and mathematics underway, University president Dean Hubbard said.

"They voted unanimously to endorse the academy, and that was a substantive achievement there," Hubbard said. "And that really gives us some momentum."

Provost Tim Gilmour also said the state backing gives the University additional drive to make the program a success.

"We feel like the support is beginning to firm up around the state," Gilmour said.

Beginning next fall the University will admit 50 of Missouri's most qualified students into the program.

The academy will be the only one of its kind in Missouri and was mirrored after a similar program in Texas.

Representatives from the Texas program will assist the University in preparing its own program, Hubbard said.

Culture, diversity receive week-long celebration

by Michelle Murphy
Missourian Reporter

The University has always celebrated diversity, but for the first time it is dedicating one week to increase awareness of the differences in people's lives at Northwest.

The idea of Diversity Week bloomed during weekly meetings with student organizations that met last year.

"We had weekly meetings, and I brought up the idea of Northwest holding a Diversity Week around last year in October," Negar Davis, director of international and multicultural affairs, said. "The organizations around the University, as well as the multicultural and international organizations, have helped start the thinking process and planning for the week."

The week was set to present and share various aspects on cultures with tradition, beliefs, values, religion, holidays, school systems and economics.

"Raising the respect on sensitivity among people with various groups that are present," Davis said. "That's how we began to plan the week, and we came up with

the 'Night on Africa.'

Thursday, at 1 p.m. there will be a student panel discussing "The Crisis in Kosovo" with Rick Frucht, professor of History, as moderator in Garrett Strong, Room 217.

"The questions of why are they fighting and what are they fighting for may have risen, and these questions will be discussed during the lecture," Davis said.

That evening the international student and multicultural organizations and Student Senate will be having an awards banquet at 7 p.m. at Country Kitchen. Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased at the Student Services Desk.

"Everybody decided that it would be nice for the organizations to get together collectively and recognize their members," Davis said.

The Student Association of Multicultural Education will sponsor the event, "Taste of Cultures," and serve ethnic foods at 11 a.m. in the Wesley Center. Tickets are \$1 at the door.

"It's an annual event they hold, but they're using the Diversity Week as an opportunity for everyone to sample various ethnic foods," Davis said.

"Based on this year's outcome and anticipation, we hope to have it again next year," Davis said. "We hope to see it grow and have everybody learn from it."

Fun Night will wrap up the week on Friday evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bearcat Lanes for socializing.

"Fun activities for all the students who have worked so hard on the preparations for the whole week (will be there)," Davis said.

"The students have been instrumental in making this event happen, No. 1, along with encouraging students to come."

The week kicked off Monday with a free presentation on Africa by Northwest African students. Tuesday was Northwest's Fiesta Latino, put on by the Hispanic American Leadership Organization. HALO provided dinner with traditional Hispanic food and dance featuring Hispanic/Latino music. On Wednesday, Galtan held the "Day of Silence" with a free lecture by two nationally known speakers, Joe Bertolino and Bill Leipold, on "Understanding Homophobia and same-gender relationships."

With anticipation that the week will be a success, the future of this Diversity Week may lead to an annual event for the University.

"Based on this year's outcome and anticipation, we hope to have it again next year," Davis said. "We hope to see it grow and have everybody learn from it."



Jonnah Ndiritu speaks about his native homeland of Kenya on Monday at Golden Hall during the African Culture Night. The event was part of Diversity Week which included a various number of events concerning Northwest's characteristics.

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30-year veteran plans to retire

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

After nearly 30 years of working at Northwest, an era will soon be ending when the vice president for University advancement steps down.

Charles Veatch graduated from Northwest in 1971 with a master's degree in business. He has served in numerous positions at the University in the past decades, including director of admissions and assistant to the president.

He will soon step aside as vice president to assume a different role working with the University and the Northwest Foundation for the next year before retiring. He said this time would be used to tie up loose ends and finish commitments.

Veatch's early retirement is made possible by Missouri's "rule of 80." Because his number of years in service added to his age equals 80 or more, he is eligible for retirement.

Veatch said he currently has no plans after he retires, but he is looking forward to something new. He said he would like to try to explore other ideas.

"After 30 awfully good years at Northwest, it's time to begin to look at something else," Veatch said. "I'm hoping that whatever I do will be a slow-paced, fun activity."

In his three decades of working here, Veatch said he has developed some strong ties to the University. He said he will miss the people the most.

"I'll miss the relationships that I've had with my staff," he said. "I'm always going to be very grateful for the staff members that I've worked with who have been important to me."



Chuck Veatch

...Plans to step down in July...

Northwest will endure 13 faculty retirements

The following people have announced they will retire in May:

- Edwin Ballantyne Jr., marketing and management
- Ann Brekke, health, physical education, recreation and dance
- Jerald Brekke, political science
- Sharon Browning, marketing and management
- Harlan Higginbotham, chemistry and physics
- James Lott, chemistry and physics
- Leland May, English
- Ron Moss, computer science and information services
- Donald Nothstine, marketing and management

The following people have announced they will retire this summer:

- Andree Bayliss, curriculum and instruction
- Gerald Kramer, marketing and management
- Byron Mitchell, music
- Wayne Winstead, athletics

professionally and as personal friends. There are an awfully lot of people that I have become very close with."

Despite 30 years of ties to Northwest, Veatch is looking forward to retirement.

"The change of pace and the opportunity to spend more time with my family; I'm really looking forward to that," he said.

Veatch said his stay at Northwest has been longer than planned but he does not regret the long stay.

"When I came here to go to school, I said I'm going to be here a year. Well - 30 years later - I'm still here."

Veatch is one of 14 Northwest employees who has announced his or her retirement this year.

'Intellectual property' discussed

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

Northwest's policy regarding the ownership of "intellectual property" produced by faculty members is being discussed by the Faculty Welfare Committee and the administration.

The Faculty Handbook currently states the University has the sole rights and ownership of any work which may be patented or has any commercial value if it is work concerning the University.

Provost Tim Gilmour said a policy has been proposed which would give ownership to both the faculty and the University. The proposal would also evenly split profits between the two.

Gilmour said there is currently no generally accepted, nationwide solution to the ownership debate.

The Faculty Senate Telecommunications Committee proposed a rewrite of the policy to give the faculty some legal rights to their work.

In a previous *Missourian* interview Nancy Zeliff, Telecommunications Committee chairwoman, said, "We've had some input from faculty department chairs, and they seem to

I think the real issue is the ownership of intellectual property; our thoughts, our ideas and our course work, the ownership of work that could have been our own brainchild. I believe that I should have ownership in that, maybe not all but some."

Nancy Zeliff, Telecommunications Committee chairwoman

be in the line that [the policy] should be more mutually agreeable among the faculty."

Zeliff said Roger Von Holzen, from the Center for Information Technology in Education office, contacted a law firm for help in the matter. One of the firm's lawyers offered a rewrite of the original lines.

"The Telecommunications Committee took that and used it to rewrite what we are now proposing," Zeliff said.

She said the issue is not one of making money, but of ownership of intellectual materials.

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thoughts, our ideas and our course work the ownership of work that could have been our own brainchild," Zeliff said. "I believe that I should have ownership in that, maybe not completely, but some."

Gilmour said there has been a lot of concern about the subject of intellectual material ownership.

The University is currently concerned about web courses which are being designed by the faculty.

Von Holzen previously expressed concern about what rights the University has in the case of professors leaving and taking the material they design for online courses with them.

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more uncoordinated side of Britney Spears in her song 'Baby One More Time.'

"I watched one of my fraternity brothers do it last year and watched how much fun he had, and I decided to do it myself this time and try to win," Livingston said.

In the second round, the contestants selected a question from a hat and answered.

Having been asked what three things Kohen would have on a desert island prompted her to say the "World Famous Outback" bar, a boat and people to talk to would satisfy her.

Livingston was asked what his favorite animal was and why. It was a dolphin. Before the announcer could ask why, Livingston jumped in front of the microphone and started screaming like his favorite mammal, causing the audience to erupt in laughter once again.

"It is something that I do and have done before in front of a few people but not a large audience, so I decided to break it out Monday night and see what reaction it would get," Livingston said.

Harsh winter causes administration to question reliability of Bearcat Arena's initial construction

by Josh Flaharty

Chief Reporter

Northwest could know within two weeks whether or not the roof of Bearcat Arena is at risk of collapsing in the future due to the method of construction.

The University was told by Ellison Auxier Architects that other roofs of the same type have collapsed from the same problem the arena is facing.

Studies were initiated after an abundance of snow accumulated on the roof last year, causing leaks.

Upon investigating the leaks, it was discovered that some of the steel cables supporting the roof were visibly bent, Northwest Construction Manager Dave Duvall said.

Engineers were then hired to evaluate the safety and stability of the roof.

Duvall said Bearcat Arena is one of two or three of these buildings left in the country.

The report from the engineers investigating the building should be completed within the next few weeks, he said.

However, it is doubtful that anything is seriously wrong with the structure because the engineers are required to bring any immediate dangers to the University's attention, Duvall said.

The roof system is made up of interwoven wood planks supported by steel cables. Duvall said the University is trying to keep the roof structurally sound.

The leaks corrected themselves when the snow melted and the roof returned to its original shape. There have been no problems since the original leaks last spring.

Athletic Director Jim Redd said

areas where the leaks were occurring were created when additions were made to the building five years ago.

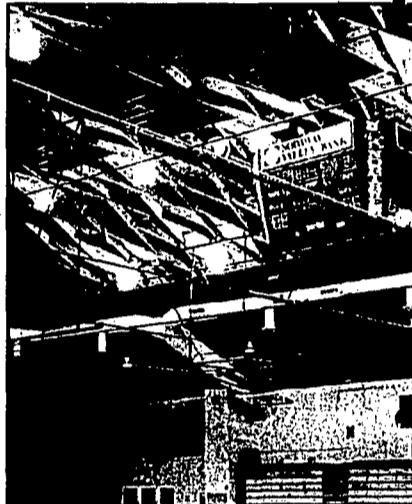
In the areas where the new construction meets the old building, valleys were created where snow piles up and stays until it melts, Duvall said.

"We may never be able to get rid of the leaks, but we're not going to stop trying," he said.

Duvall said people automatically assume the worst when they hear that studies are being done on the roof, but there have been no serious problems found at this point.

"We would rather do three studies and find nothing than do nothing and hope it goes away," he said.

The University has a contingency plan in case of a large snowfall. Duvall said the building's heat would be turned on to keep snow from accumulating in problem areas.



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The stability of Bearcat Arena's ceiling has been brought to the attention of administrators due to leaks last spring.

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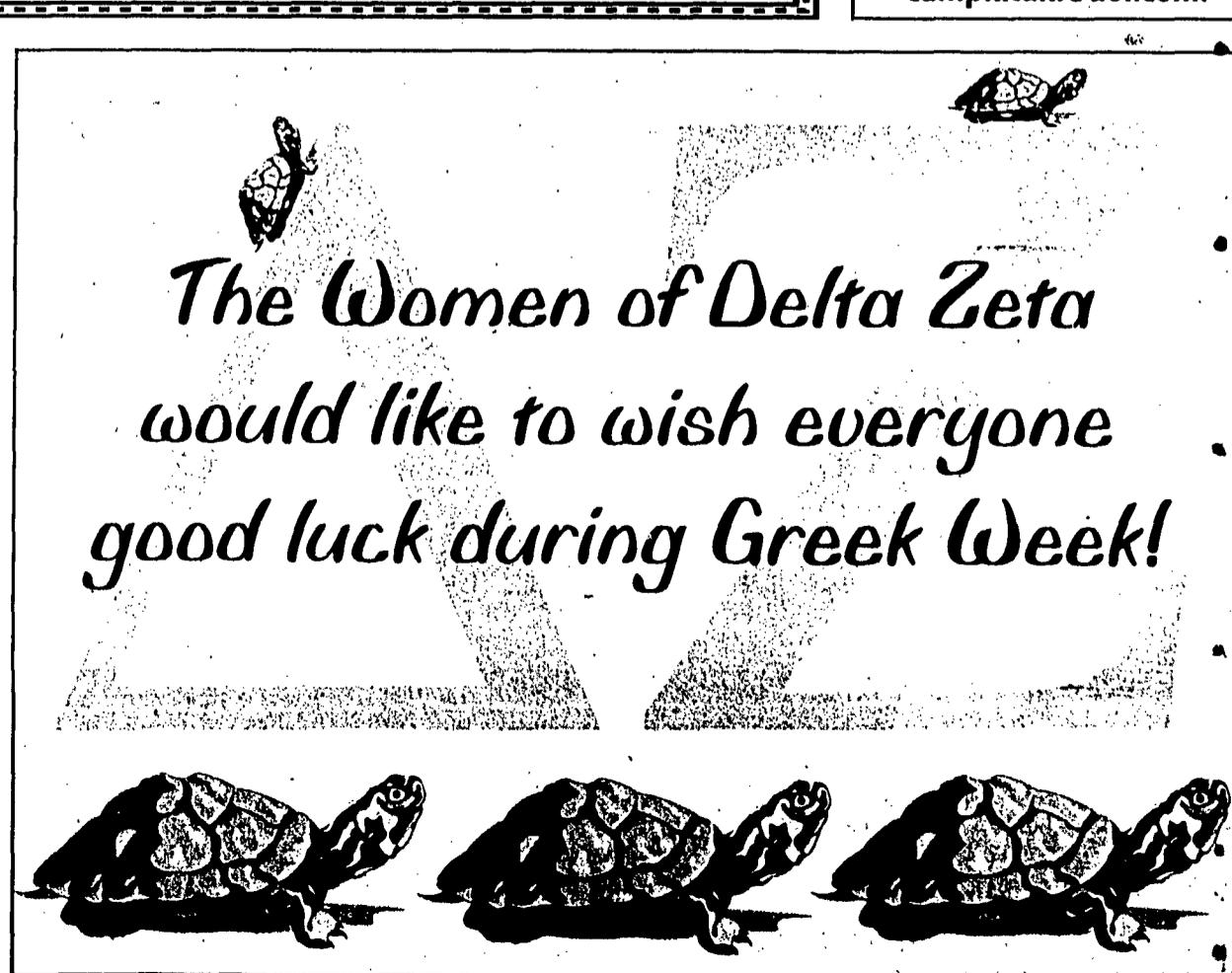
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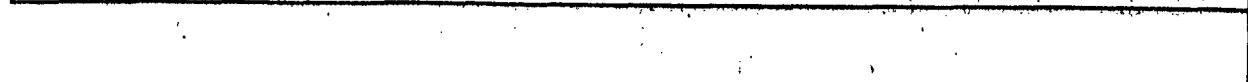
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Election results spark emotions

■ Nodaway County tax levy

Voters rejected the tax levy Tuesday. The levy would have created funding for people 60 or older by providing services such as transportation, home-delivered meals and in-home services. The levy was rejected by a slight margin of 36 votes.

Rose Vance, Senior Center administrator, is disappointed the levy did not pass and is concerned about the Center's future.

"Federal and state funding is getting cut more and more every year, and at the same time, we get more and more people who need served," she said.

Vance said the Senior Center has been notified of at least a 6 percent cut in funds as of July 1. She also said there are currently no waiting lists to have meals delivered, but if funding keeps decreasing, lists may have to be implemented.

■ Proposition A

A second proposition presented Tuesday asked voters if the Missouri Office of Administration should be able to incur a fee of up to 50 cents a month to all wireless telephone numbers to fund a wireless-enhanced 911 service.

Missouri voters rejected Proposition A with 99 percent of the voters accounted for. There were 541,699 votes for the proposed law and 732,410 votes against.

Jerry Lutz, community relations director of Northwest Missouri Cellular, said he is disappointed it did not pass.

"I think a lot of people misunderstood the proposition by thinking a portion of the monthly fee would come back to the cell phone companies, and it's not," he said.

Carmen Funk, elementary education major, said she knew it would not pass because people do not want to pay money for a service that should be free.

■ Proposition B

The highly debated Proposition B was rejected by Missouri



Polk Township Collector ready

Voters also elected Elaine Wilson as Polk township collector. Wilson surpassed the next closest candidate by 323 votes.

"I plan to get with Phyllis Willhoite (former Township collector) and the commissioners to get their opinions on if anything needs to be changed, but I don't foresee making any drastic changes," Wilson said.



Elaine Wilson
...New Polk Township collector...

voters. With 99 percent of the votes tallied, 676,628 were not in favor of the right to carry concealed firearms and 630,852 voters were in favor of the proposition.

The proposition would have given Missouri residents the right to apply for a permit to carry concealed firearms.

Although the proposition did not pass, it is still a debated issue. Education major Bobby Sangster said it should have passed.

"I think the government has already taken too much away from us," he said.

On the other hand, Maria Schmitter, family and consumer science education major, is relieved Proposition B did not pass, because she does not like the possibility of someone near her carrying a gun.

■ Maryville School Board

Three incumbents were re-elected to the Maryville School Board. Rego Jones, Ray Courier and Marla Burnside remain in office.

■ Maryville City Council

Ronnie Moss and Rex Wallace were elected to the Maryville City Council.

Look what I found...



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor

Despite the rainfall the evening before, Maryville's annual Easter egg hunt went off without a hitch under clear blue skies. Two-year-old Rachel Auffer fills her Easter basket with candy and Easter eggs during the event at Sunrise

Park Saturday morning. The hunt is held every year for children ages 2 through 8 years old. This year several hundred children, accompanied by their parents, were in attendance for the occasion.

IRS says no fines for farmers using new tax cuts

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced that it would not penalize farmers and ranchers who are attempting to use new income-averaging rules.

The rules were temporarily put into place in July 1997 as part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and were made permanent last fall. The tax breaks allow farmers to average their

incomes for the previous three years to compensate for spikes in income and losses which occur from year to year when filing their taxes.

Although the rules have been in effect for more than a year and a half, there are currently no guidelines for the farmers to follow. Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond, R-Mo., said this could lead to problems.

"It's been more than 20 months since this relief provision for farmers was signed into law, and there are

still no regulations or guidance in sight," Bond said. "Even if penalties are waived, farmers who are forced to guess how the income-averaging rules apply may end up being audited."

He said the last thing farmers need right now is to spend time and money to prevent an audit.

In a letter to Bond and Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa., IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said the revenue service is in the final stages

of completing the regulations and expect that they will be issued in the near future.

Bond said he approves of the actions the IRS has taken thus far.

"It is clear that the commissioner understands that farmers and ranchers are facing some of the worst market conditions in recent history and is taking the steps he can to help them benefit from the income-averaging rules now," Bond said.

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Free-will donations needed to fund camp for children

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon April 25 at the Nodaway County Senior Center to raise money for Camp Quality, a nonprofit camp for children ages 4 to 17 who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Participants are asked to give a free-will donation.

Pancakes, sausage, eggs and beverages will be served. A camp video will be shown, brochures will be available and representatives will be present to answer questions.

To sign up as a volunteer, contact Dave Weigel at 562-2911.

New computers in center to be available for public

Computer equipment has been purchased and placed in the designated senior citizen centers in northwest Missouri. The computers will soon be available for public use.

The Regional Council of Governments is currently training the senior centers' employees to create and update web sites, solve basic computer problems and help computer users with questions.

Hospital Foundation says thanks to area businesses

Almost 300 people supported the St. Francis Foundation's Palm Sunday Brunch, which raised over \$2,900. The proceeds will go to the St. Francis Preschool and Childcare.

The foundation would like to thank several local businesses for their volunteer work and donations to the cause. The St. Francis Foundation raises money for various events at the hospital.

4-H gun shooting contest to be held for members

Members of 4-H who are 8 years and older, and who have completed the Missouri Department of Conservation "Hunter Education Course", or 4-H project 740 "Shooting Sports Safety," may participate in the 4-H Shooting Member Sports Clinic/Contest.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Ravengood School and Miller Range.

Archery, BB/pellet, air pistol and muzzle loader event will cost \$5, the rifle event will cost \$6, the junior shotgun event will be \$11 and the senior shotgun event will be \$16.

To participate, call Karmen Metzgar at 562-2011.

Body Walk promotes good health

by Sarah Y. Johnson
Missourian Reporter

Youth from surrounding counties took an imaginary journey inside the human body during the Show-Me Body Walk in Maryville. "School children find this is the most exciting way to learn about nutrition and health in an action-oriented, hands-on setting," said Naomi Cupp, executive director of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health.

Children from kindergarten through third grade from Holt, Atchison, Worth, Gentry and Nodaway counties participated in the Body Walk, which took place March 24 through April 1.

The Body Walk, sponsored by the state, is a popular presentation for elementary schools, said Karma Metzgar, regional nutrition specialist.

"There is only one exhibit for the whole state, so you're sort of on a waiting list to get it," Metzgar said.

The exhibit was set up to resemble different parts of the human body. While walking through the body, the students wore name tags of certain foods and were taught about different reactions the body has while digesting them.

Metzgar said the hands-on activity teaches the children the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

"We're training to get the kids to be proactive rather than reactive with their health like many adults are," she said.

Amy Collins, Horace Mann Lab School kindergarten teacher, said after her students attended the event, they continued to talk about what they learned for the



Photo provided by Michelle Grudzinski

Northwest student Ron Leader spoke to Horace Mann Lab School kindergarteners and first-graders about how to keep their skin healthy. He told them that food

remainder of the day.

Maaiz Ahmad, a first level student at Horace Mann, said he learned many things from the Body Walk.

"We got to learn of the bones, and lungs, and the large intestines, and the foods and the stomach," Ahmad said. "We learned that bad food is not good and good food is good."

Collins said today's children are preoccupied with the abundance of video games and the constant supply of new Disney movies.

It's these activities that keep children inside where they do not exercise, she said.

For Ahmad his experiences at the Body Walk seemed to be educational. He explained the importance of being active.

like green peppers, containing Vitamin C, helps their skin heal. Many area children participated in the Body Walk last week.

"If you exercise, your muscles get stronger," he said.

With a little information about health and nutrition, new habits will begin to form and remain with the children, Collins said.

"Any education about the body and nutrition will hopefully help them make good decisions, good food choices and will help them lead a healthier lifestyle," she said.

Metzgar said the children have been encouraged to participate in a month-long project where they set personal goals such as riding their bike every day for a week, or trying a new vegetable every day.

The goal of the program is for the children to hopefully discover new interests and begin to form healthier lifestyles, Metzgar said.

Plans for soybean cooperative could benefit area farmers

by Michelle Murphy
Missourian Reporter

Soybean producers have the opportunity to participate in the development of a cooperative which will be producer-owned and controlled. An informational meeting took place March 22 in Chillicothe. "The cooperative will give soybean producers an opportunity to

add value to their product by retaining product ownership," facilitator Darren Hennen said.

With cooperatives, farmers would benefit from all angles. The sale of soybeans, the value added to the sales and the soybean oil produced by the processing plant would immediately be effected, he said.

Once it starts, the cooperative

will buy nine million local soybean farms, Hennen said.

"The Chicago Board of Trade sets the price on soybeans," he said. "The further away you're located from the larger market such as Kansas City, Des Moines, St. Louis and Chicago, the lower the price a farmer will get on a bushel."

If the markets were closer, the cost of transporting the bushels of

soybeans would be lower.

"With the new plant, we'll be able to keep the soybeans local instead of transporting them," Hennen said.

The new technology identifies preserved soybeans which are genetically modified. The plant would produce the beans more economically.

"The new technology will allow us to shut down for only one hour,

instead of losing three days profit because you have to clean it out," Hennen said.

For a person to receive these benefits, he or she must be a member of the New Generation Cooperative.

"For those that are not members but are interested, there are some investment plans," he said.

Future meetings have yet to be scheduled.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY**Thursday, March 25**

■ Rhonda L. Sybert, Maryville, was backing from a private drive on East Fifth Street and struck a construction caution sign which had been placed near the intersection of East Fifth and Dewey streets. No citation was issued.

Sunday, March 28

■ Fire units responded to a grass fire on Liberty Road. The owner of the property was burning a brush pile when the wind blew the fire out of control, spreading it to an open grassy field. The fire was extinguished and contained to the grassy area.

Monday, March 29

■ Cynthia A. McElroy, Burlington Junction, was parked in the Shop and Hop parking lot. Her vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

Tuesday, March 30

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of \$100 cash from her purse while at her place of employment.

■ An officer served two warrants from Jasper County for passing bad checks on James Fox, 33, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male juvenile reported the theft of his bicycle from his residence. It was a Mongoose K.O. Loss valued at \$209.

■ An officer took a report of vandalism to a boat dock. It appeared person(s) had made a fire in a plastic bucket. The bucket melted to the point the fire became uncon-

trolled and damaged planks of the dock. There were several other planks damaged by someone beating them with unknown objects, resulting in holes in the planks.

Wednesday, March 31

■ A Maryville female reported her vehicle was damaged when parked at her residence. A trim piece of the window of the driver's door and the top portion of the door were damaged.

Thursday, April 1

■ An officer served a South Clay County warrant for failure to appear on Billy R. Kossen Jr., 22, Platte City. He was released after posting bond.

■ An officer served a Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear on Christopher R. Johnson, 28, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ Ann L. Spedl, Maryville, was stopped at a posted stop sign at North Buchanan and West Seventh streets. She proceeded into the intersection and struck Justin C. Marriott, Maryville, who was eastbound on West Seventh Street. A citation was issued to Spedl for failure to yield.

Friday, April 2

■ Marsha F. Maudlin, Maryville, was eastbound in the 100 block of East Third Street. She was stopped in traffic when Ronald R. Schmidt, also eastbound on East Third Street, began to slow behind Maudlin. Dustin A. Sticken, Maryville, turned onto East Third and struck Schmidt from behind, causing him to strike Maudlin from behind. A citation was issued to Sticken for careless and imprudent driving. Schmidt received probable-not apparent injuries.

■ Officers responded to the 500 block of South Main Street after receiving a complaint of a party. Contact was made with the occupants after it was determined they were charging for alcoholic beverages. Kit B. Kettnerman, 22, and Seneca R. Holmes, 21, were both issued summons for selling alcohol without a license and supplying alcohol to a minor. Charges are pending on a third occupant.

■ A Maryville male reported that the front license plate on his vehicle was missing.

Saturday, April 3

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of a lawn chair from her porch. It was described as a green colored metal folding chair with green and white vinyl straps. It also had a metal grapevine design across the top. Estimated loss valued at \$40.

■ Debra J. Reeser, Skidmore, and Patrick A. Walker, Maryville, were southbound on Main Street. Walker stopped in traffic and was struck from behind by Reeser. A citation was issued to Reeser for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Officers transported Mark E. Whitlock, 48, Barnard, to Maryville from Lathrop where he was being held on a Maryville Municipal Court warrant for failure to pay fines. He is being held on bond.

Sunday, April 4

■ A 1989 Toyota was towed from the 400 block of North Walnut Street where it was illegally parked, creating a traffic hazard.

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of a bag of clothes from her

vehicle parked at her residence. The clothes were described as men's and lady's shirts and pants. Estimated loss valued at \$375.

Monday, April 5

■ Clifford R. Nelson, Maryville; William J. Hopkins III, Maryville; and Tricia K. Kent, Maryville, were northbound on North Main Street, north of Sixth Street. Kent and Hopkins stopped in traffic. Nelson struck Hopkins from behind, causing him to strike Kent from behind. A citation was issued to Nelson for carelessness and imprudent driving.

■ A Maryville female reported that while her vehicle was parked on West Third Street, her black compact disc Logic case containing 43 compact discs was removed from her vehicle. Estimated loss valued at \$180.

CAMPUS SAFETY**Friday, March 12**

■ Officers received a report from a student that their vehicle was broken into while it was parked in the lot behind the Fine Arts Building.

■ Officers investigated a fire alarm in Dieterich Hall. The alarm was unfounded.

Saturday, March 13

■ Officers investigated a traffic accident in the parking lot east of North/South Complex. A citation was issued for careless driving.

■ Officers investigated a smell of smoke in Millikan Hall. The investigation was unfounded.

■ Officers received a report from a student that their vehicle was broken into while it was parked in the lot east of North/South Complex.

■ Three students reported that their vehicles were broken into when they were parked in the lot on College Park Drive.

■ Jennifer Harrington reported that person(s) had broke in to her vehicle while it was parked in the southwest parking lot on West College Drive.

■ Brandon Peregrine reported that person(s) had broke into his vehicle while it was parked in the southwest parking lot on West College Drive.

■ Officers responded to a medical emergency on the fourth floor of Hudson Hall. Nodaway County Ambulance responded and transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital for further assistance.

■ Monday, March 15

■ A vehicle was towed for parking on campus without a permit.

■ A vehicle was towed for possessing an altered permit.

■ A vehicle was towed for parking on campus without a permit.

Wednesday, March 17

■ A student in Hudson Hall reported they had received harassing messages.

Thursday, March 18

■ Officers investigated an accident in the lower parking lot behind Hudson Hall. A citation was issued for improper backing.

■ Officers assisted Maryville Public Safety in an arrest at North Complex. The person was in possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Officers recovered a cellular phone from the department of landscape services.

Friday, March 19

■ Officers investigated a report of property damage in the parking lot behind Wells Hall. A vehicle was found to be highcentered on a retaining wall after it was seen driving through the grass. The driver was located and issued a citation for careless driving.

Saturday, March 20

■ Officers investigated three vehicles that were damaged while parked in the Phillips and Franken halls parking lot.

Tuesday, March 23

■ Officers investigated a report of property damage to a vehicle while it was parked in the lot on College Park Drive.

■ Marla McCrary reported someone had damaged a door in Wells Hall.

Friday, March 26

■ While on patrol, officers made contact with a student behind Perrin Hall who was seen with alcohol. The student was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ Officers investigated a fire alarm in Brown Hall. The alarm was unfounded.

Saturday, March 27

■ Richard Dietz reported he had been harassed while on campus.

Monday, March 29

■ Officers received a report of stolen property from Phillips Hall.

■ Officers responded to a fire in a trash barrel behind Phillips Hall. The fire was extinguished by Maryville Public Safety.

Tuesday, March 30

■ Officers confiscated a bicycle located on a handrail by Garrett Strong.

OBITUARIES**Pearl West Gard**

Pearl West Gard, 97, Maryville, died March 30 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Feb. 15, 1902, to Frank and Margaret McWhorter in Ravenwood.

Survivors include five sons, Curtis, Paul, Daryl, Wayne and Dean Gard; three daughters, Marilyn VanAusdall, Norma Sikes and Rose Ann Findlen; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at the Wilcox Cemetery in Wilcox.

Olga Marie Lyle

Olga Marie Lyle, 92, Maryville, died March 31 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born July 12, 1906, to Ernest and Stella Brown in Spokane, Wash.

Survivors include one son, Homer Lyle; three grandsons and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were 11 a.m. Monday at the Maitland Presbyterian Church in Maitland. Burial was at the Maitland Cemetery in Maitland.

Helen Irene Shad

Helen Irene Shad, 86, Burlington Junction, died April 4 at the Golden Valley Memorial Hospital in Clinton.

She was born Oct. 31, 1912, to Elmer and Della Birkenholz in Inavale, Neb.

Survivors include one son, Bill Shad; one daughter, Betty Shad; two sisters, Altha Bird and Marion Nicholson; five grandchil-

dren; and seven great-grandchil-

ren. Services were 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Price Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

NEW ARRIVAL**Tate Harrison Combs**

Gayle Snedigar, Fairfax, is the parent of Tate Harrison Combs, born March 27 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. His grandparents are Earl and Christine Trachsel, Pulaski, Iowa; and Harry and Mary Combs, Fairfax.

His great-grandmothers are Maxine Sheppard, Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Gladys Combs, Gravity, Iowa.

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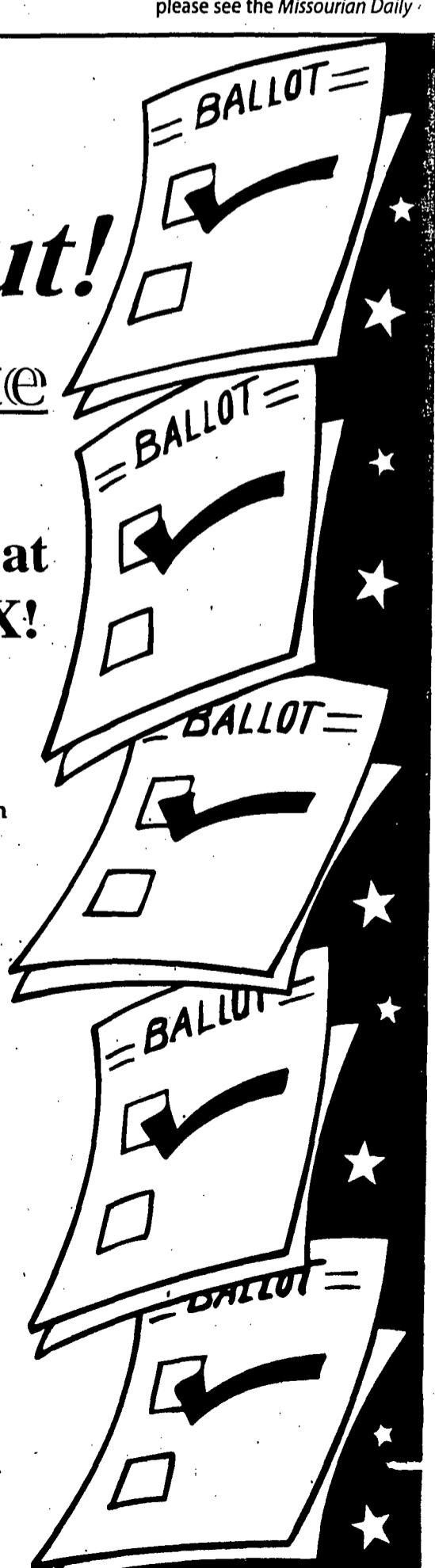
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**PUBLIC SAFETY****Thursday, March 25**

■ Rhonda L. Sybert, Maryville, was backing from a private drive on East Fifth Street and struck a construction caution sign which had been placed near the intersection of East Fifth and Dewey streets. No citation was issued.

Sunday, March 28

■ Fire units responded to a grass fire on Liberty Road. The owner of the property was burning a brush pile when the wind blew the fire out of control, spreading it to an open grassy field. The fire was extinguished and contained to the grassy area.

Monday, March 29

■ Cynthia A. McElroy, Burlington Junction, was parked in the Shop and Hop parking lot. Her vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

Tuesday, March 30

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of \$100 cash from her purse while at her place of employment.

■ An officer served two warrants from Jasper County for passing bad checks on James Fox, 33, Maryville. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male juvenile reported the theft of his bicycle from his residence. It was a Mongoose K.O. Loss valued at \$209.

■ An officer took a report of vandalism to a boat dock. It appeared person(s) had made a fire in a plastic bucket. The bucket melted to the point the fire became uncon-

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THE ODD COUPLE?

Education provided by Galtan key to understanding, acceptance

"It's not some conspiracy to overthrow the straight community. It is a place where we can form a bond between gay people and straight people, especially ones that don't understand, aren't educated and aren't aware of what it's like to be us."

■ Brian Fish, Galtan vice president



Photo illustration by Amy Roh/Contributing Photographer

A gay couple walks hand in hand on campus because of their affection for one another. Holding hands is not a typical ritual for the couple when in public for fear of ridicule from students and community members. The two men feel as though they cannot display their feelings for one another openly. Galtan, Northwest's Gay and Straight Alliance is the only group on campus where the men's feelings can be shared openly.

by Heather Butler,
Features Editor

Acting as an advocate for Northwest's gay students, Galtan, Northwest's Gay and Straight Alliance, works on increasing education on sexual orientation issues and providing a support system for many.

"It's an organization where gay people and straight people can come together and work to help educate particularly the campus, our designated portion of society, and try to reduce homophobia, making people a little more accepting so gay people can feel more comfortable around society," Galtan vice president, Brian Fish said.

As well as providing a safe and open learning environment, Galtan also provides students and community members with active and

passive programs, panel discussions, lectures and guest speakers.

The group is currently working on a project they hope to have underway by the fall of 1999 called Safe Zone. The program provides students with designated safe places they can go for help. The designated places will be marked by a sticker or symbol on the door of the supporter. These participating students, faculty, staff and community members will be trained to direct those in need of assistance to a counselor, group member or trained professional in which they can receive advice.

"These safe zones will be indicators that there is a safe place to go if you've been threatened, if you're confused, if you are really upset or want to come out to a family member or friend," Fish

said. "You can go to that person and get advise from them, or they can refer you to someone who is professionally trained to handle your situation."

Galtan members believe there are few laws protecting gay rights. To them this program will be a form of retribution.

"One of the reasons we are doing this is because there are no laws to protect gay people," Fish said. "There are laws that protect races, women and religious groups, but gays are excluded from that. This helps compensate for what the law does not compensate for."

Galtan would like to see more students get involved with the group to obtain an understanding of what its goals are. Members believe that education is the key to stopping hatred.

"You need to educate yourself about the people you don't like," Galtan president, Robert Owen said. "Go to one of the meetings, attend an activity, meet some of the members, talk to them and then form your own opinion."

Galtan emphasized they are not restricted to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexuals. They are open to anyone that has an open mind and is willing to learn about other lifestyles.

"It's not a place where gay people go and be gay," Fish said. "It's not some conspiracy to overthrow the straight community. It is a place where we can form a bond between gay people and straight people, especially ones that don't understand, aren't educated and aren't aware of what it's like to be us."

Day promotes gay issues through speakers, silence

by Stacie Dowell
Missourian Reporter

Multicultural affairs and student activities sponsored a program that brought the topic of sexual orientation to Northwest on Wednesday.

Following the National Day of Silence, students and faculty were invited to hear two speakers, Joe Bertolino and Bill Leipold, talk about their experiences as gay males, as well as being a couple.

Bertolino is the Director of College Activities and Residential Life at Barnard College in New York and Leipold is the Assistant Director for Housing and Residential Life at Rutgers, also in New York.

They have been a couple for almost six years and are accepted as a part of each other's families. However, it wasn't always that easy.

Both were from small towns where being gay was unheard of, and both went to small colleges. They were active Greeks and had relationships with women. However, their coming out experiences were very different.

Leipold realized he was gay while still in college. Bertolino was 27 when he realized he was gay. However, to protect the promotion he had just received for Director of

Greek Affairs, he did not come out at work. After hearing that a fellow colleague was talking negatively to students on campus about his personal life, he decided to come out.

"If I'm afraid to be who I am, what does that say to my students, to my colleagues?" Bertolino said.

Both speakers went on to discuss obstacles that being gay presents.

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■ Joe Bertolino, director of College Activities and Residential Life at Barnard College in New York

Silence, lies, distorted images or stereotypes, feelings of isolation, intimidation, fear of physical violence and a denial of basic rights are just a few of the problems gay and lesbian people encounter.

Leipold and Bertolino went on to discuss the effects of being gay in a homophobic society.

They explained how it is legal to refuse sale or rental of a house or apartment, or to refuse entrance to businesses to a homosexual.

It is also legal to fire a homosexual employee in some states. They are also denied employment benefits that are normally easily obtained by families, as well as joint credit.

Bertolino and Leipold went on to

describe ways to combat homophobia. They advised students that they should not assume heterosexuality, they should avoid anti-gay jokes and confront the joker.

They also said to correct homophobic statements, create an atmosphere of acceptance and acquaint oneself with the gay and lesbian community.

Student activities and multicultural affairs is acknowledging the need to bring more resources and programs to campus.

"It is a coming out process. Schools need to go through it too," Bertolino said.

The turnout of students, staff and community members produced many positive comments and compliments for the speakers.

"Honesty was the biggest thing," community member Matt Williams said. "No matter what people asked they weren't afraid to answer."

Others were impressed not so much about what they said, but how they said it. The speakers tried to make the program interactive with the audience.

"The speakers were unbelievable, promising, uplifting and charismatic," English major Jealaine Vaccaro said. "A positive step forward."

Vow demonstrates support

by Heather Butler
Features Editor

least there was that recognition. People knew that other people were participating in it and I wasn't alone.

Galtan members were surprised at the amount of support they received from some Northwest students and faculty. There were approximately 70 to 75 participants in the Day of Silence.

"I think one of the biggest things is to make that support network visible," Gove said. "That's something that isn't there, you can't paint people blue to show they're supportive. For those who are struggling with coming out, for them to know their professors, advisers or someone who lives down the hall is supportive, that's something that's really important."

Some students who participated in that Day of Silence took the quiet time to reflect the rights of others and their own beliefs.

"The Day of Silence had an effect on me where I took a lot of personal time to think about myself and the rights of others at Northwest Missouri State University as well as the community," vocal music education major Casey Whitaker said. "And it also gave me a chance to think of my role to help out, and what efforts I can give to help other gay, bisexual and lesbian people at the University."

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Washburn takes two at Topeka

by Mark Hornickel

Sports Editor

The Bearcat baseball team continued to struggle Wednesday afternoon when it dropped both games of a doubleheader at Washburn University.

The Bearcats, who dropped 2 of 3 games to conference leader Lincoln University on Saturday, lost both games to the Ichabods by scores of 5-1. "We aren't playing real well right now," head coach Jim Johnson said. "The guys have been coming from behind well, but we shouldn't be putting ourselves in situations where we have to."

In the opener, Washburn jumped on the board with a run in the first, but the 'Cats' tied it up in their half of the second.

The game stayed tied up until Washburn broke it open in the bottom of the fourth. With one out, the Ichabods put together four straight singles and took a 3-1 lead.

After Bearcat hurler Doug Clark struck out Washburn second baseman Brad Madden, he gave up a walk to center fielder Aaron Sanderholm and loaded the bases. Then, Ichabod left fielder Harley Douglas singled to left and knocked in two runs to end the scoring.

The Bearcats managed to get one hit in the top of the fifth, but that's all there would be.

Clark gave up 11 hits and five runs, while striking out five batters for the loss. His record drops to 2-1. Offensively, third baseman Cam King led the 'Cats with a 2-for-3 performance.

The nightcap was not any easier for Northwest as Washburn jumped on the board again with three runs in the first inning.

The 'Cats offense scored a run in the fourth on some Washburn miscues.

Mike Sortino led off the inning with a single, and then advanced to second on a failed pick-off attempt. Another passed ball allowed Sortino to take third base and score to pull the 'Cats within two; 3-1.

But once again, the Washburn offense was too much, and the Ichabods tacked on two more runs to seal the win.

Jon Davis, who had a perfect record prior to Wednesday's outing, was yanked in the first inning and suffered his first loss of the season. While facing just four batters, Davis gave up three runs on three hits and walked one.

Junior Delton Kruk led the 'Cats' offense with a 2-for-3 performance at the plate.

Kruk saw his 10-game hitting streak come to an end Friday, when he went 0-for-3 against Lincoln. During the streak, Kruk hit .444 with 16 hits and 13 RBI's. He also swiped seven bases for the 'Cats.

Kruk currently leads Northwest with a .381 batting average and is tied for third in RBI's with 13.

Johnson said the Bearcats need to improve on many aspects of their game.

"Our personnel need to make up their minds and overcome some of the problems they are having," Johnson said. "The pitching staff needs to give us tougher pitching in crucial situations. The team is hitting the ball much better than last season, but we just can't seem to put together in close games."

"Our defense, excluding a few multiple-error innings this season, has also improved," Johnson said. "We have been coming back from five or seven run deficits all season. They never give up. But we just don't seem to be able to put teams away. We need several players to step up and provide the team with some sparks that will hopefully lead to some wins for us."

Next, the 'Cats will have an opportunity to avenge a 23-5 loss to Rockhurst on March 3, when the Eagles come to Maryville for a doubleheader Saturday at Bearcat Field.

"Rockhurst is one of the top teams in our region," Johnson said. "They are one of the stronger teams we've played this season. They have some good athletes down there. Their pitching is average and the defense is pretty solid. I was really impressed with their hitting. We are looking forward to some good competition from them."

Peru State will also be in town this weekend for a Sunday twinbill at Bearcat Field.

by Wendy Broker

Assistant Sports Editor

The Bearcat football team, in coordination with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Northwest Missouri, played host to Maryville's first Mayor's Lunch for Multiple Sclerosis Wednesday.

Head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma along with seniors Jay Eilers, Sherman Wilderness and Chris Greisen were in attendance at the fund-raising event.

Mayor Bridget Brown said the event brought the community and

campus together while serving a worthwhile cause.

"It was a special opportunity for businesses and professionals in the community to have a chance to come together and learn about this debilitating disease," Brown said. "The football team is no stranger to uphill battles — going from zero to national champions. It was a great combination. There is no notion or cure for MS, so we have to raise money and awareness, and help be a part of a winning season for MS."

Tjeerdsma said his reason for taking part in the lunch was personal

as well as for the good of the community.

"It's natural to connect one winning program with another," he said. "It was no problem to say yes to doing this. I have a good friend in Texas, Bill Walker, who has MS. So this is something I have seen first hand. We talk about winning the national championship and that we put a lot of work in, but we would never have won without the help and support we had. MS needs support too and there are so many ways you can help."

Deb Raus-Coffey, MS Society

communication director, and Kathy Van de Ven, a Maryville resident who suffers from MS, also spoke at the luncheon.

Van de Ven said education is essential in order for people to understand the effects of MS on sufferers.

"I am just working to bring about public awareness," she said. "A lot of people don't know about it. People need to be educated because it can be really devastating. We live with the unpredictable effects of MS every day. It takes a lot of support. It's also important to know that just because you look normal, like me,

doesn't mean you always feel normal."

Van de Ven's story and the general information at the lunch had an effect on Greisen.

"I didn't really know that much about it before today," he said. "It's really neat to see how much support we have. We know how important it is to be supported. It's important to support MS financially, and also to be aware. I always say, 'life is easy when you've got good friends,' and it's going to take a lot to get over the hump with this disease and help find a cure. So it needs our support."



Washburn 5
Northwest 1

GAME TWO

Washburn 5
Northwest 1



Without familiar faces of the past, a rebuilt Royals team looks to fresh, young talent to lead them into the next millennium

Coming of age

Story by Mark Hornickel
 Photographs by Mike Ransdell

As a capacity crowd packed in and the festivities played out during the Kansas City Royals opener at Kauffman Stadium Monday, there was an obvious aura of excitement in the air.

Hundreds of fans crowded the parking lot and set up small grills and cooking tools for tailgate parties. Young and old were dressed in Royals blue and gold and flags dawning the Royals emblem were attached to minivans.

For many, it has become a tradition to attend the Royals' annual opener, including a group of about 20 teenagers from Lee's Summit. Led by Ben Holland, 18, the group was clad in Superman outfits and hoped to motivate the Royals with their antics.

"I decided that it was time to bring Superman back, back to the top because Superman had faded a little bit, you know," Holland said. "People don't believe in him anymore, but Superman needs us. The Royals need us."

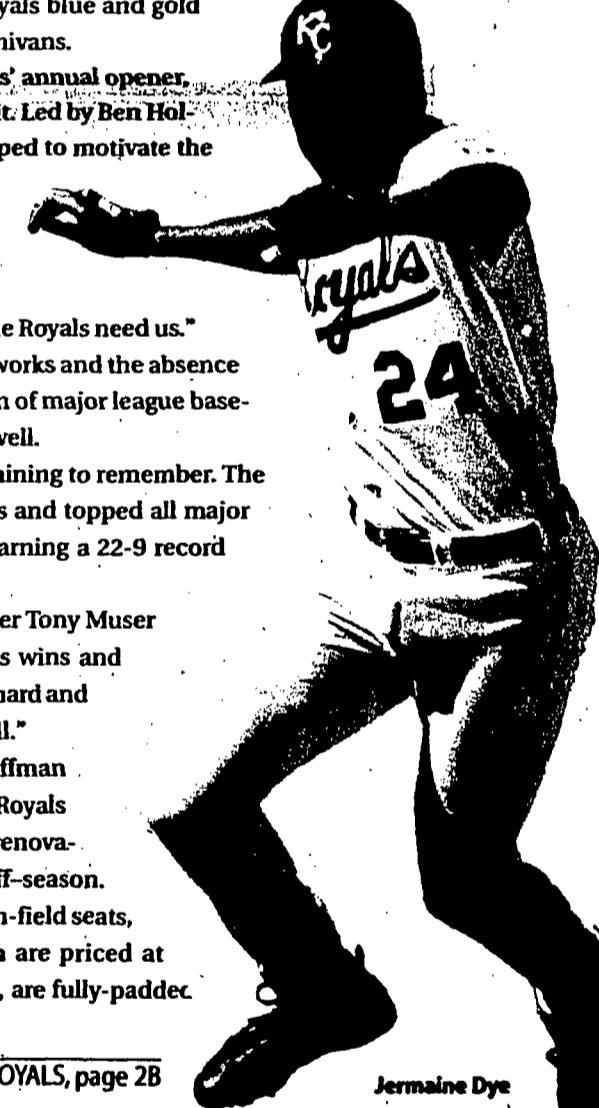
Despite an extensive rebuilding process in the works and the absence of a true owner, 1999 marks the Royals' 31st season of major league baseball. Through the changes, there is optimism as well.

Fresh from Florida, the Royals had a spring training to remember. The team shattered its record for exhibition victories and topped all major league clubs with a .710 winning percentage, earning a 22-9 record and capturing Florida's Grapefruit League title.

"We worked extremely hard," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "We've had a successful spring as far as wins and losses are concerned. It's a club that battles hard and I thought we played respectable baseball."

In addition, several changes to Kauffman Stadium highlighted the opener. The Royals unveiled the results of an extensive renovation project that took place over the off-season.

One new feature is the addition of 180 on-field seats, known as Crown Seats. The seats, which are priced at \$8,100 for each season and sold out for 1999, are fully-padded chairs located just 50 feet behind homeplate.



George Brett

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Jermaine Dye

Men take first at home meet, women finish fifth



by Wendy Broker
 Assistant Sports Editor

Improving and facing tough competition, which includes more conference rivals, is the task ahead for the Bearcat track teams as they travel to Emporia, Kan., for the Division II Challenge Saturday.

The meet will pit Northwest against quality competition. That is something the team is looking forward to, men's head coach Rich Alsup said.

The men and women will face MIAA rivals Central Missouri State University and Truman State University, both of whom the 'Cats took on Saturday at home, as well as other conference schools in Missouri Southern State College and Pittsburg State University.

Mankato State University (Minn.), Lewis University, Fort Hays State University, the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the University of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville will also compete at the meet.

The men will compete at the Division II Challenge just one week after claiming the Northwest Invitational.

The men will compete at the

Invitational title, while beating out Division I Iowa State University as well as Central Missouri, last year's champions.

Junior Varick Dabney did the most damage for the team, picking up first-place finishes in the 200-meter and 400-meter dashes, and also running on the first-place 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams.

Dabney said despite claiming the Invitational title, the Bearcats still are not finished improving.

"I heard it was the first time we ever won the whole meet, and that's pretty good," he said. "But we still need some work. We are still kind of young. We're doing better. When we are where we want to be, everybody just needs to look out for us, because we're coming. We ran fast over the weekend, but nobody has peaked yet."

Women place 5th

With less than a month until the conference meet, women's head coach Vicki Wooton said the Division II Challenge Saturday in Emporia will serve as a sort of conference preview.

"It will be tougher than our meet, but we will still face four other conference schools," Wooton said. "We expect to finish in the top half of the teams. We're really loading them up event-wise to get them ready for the two-day conference meet that's not too far away."

The Bearcat women come into the meet at Emporia off of a fifth-place finish at their home meet Saturday.

Sophomore Diana Hughes led the women, placing second in the 100-meter dash and the long jump. She also took fifth in the 200-meter dash.

Freshman Melissa Eighmy said the home meet brought many positives to the team.

"We've been working really hard this season, and it was good to run in front of a home crowd last week," Eighmy said. "We did really good last weekend and we still have quite a few injuries. We haven't reached our full potential yet. It's good that we beat Central because they won indoor conference. That's a good sign for conference. This week will be tougher though, and will really let us know where we stand."

Senior Robby Lane awaits his turn from football punter Jeff LeBlanc at Saturday's Northwest Invitational. Lane finished second in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 31:32.89. The men took first in the invite, while the women placed fifth.

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Cardinals play ball in Missouri, too

ON THE SIDELINES

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

As the 1999 baseball season gets underway, the St. Louis Cardinals are being closely watched by many fans at Northwest.

One question weighing on everybody's mind is: What can first baseman Mark McGwire do to top last season?

McGwire awed baseball fans around the world last year when he finished the season with an incredible 70 home runs.

"Well the pressure's not on him anymore to do it," horticulture major Zach Schiller said. "It'd be neat to see him do it again, but last year was a dream season. I think he can probably hit 60."

The Cardinals went 18-7 last

September during the peak of McGwire's chase, but some hope McGwire does not approach his

record for the sake of the team.

"I hope he doesn't come anywhere close," said Brian Froelker, business management major. "There was too much hype last year and it was too much of a distraction. I mean as long he plays well at first base and does a good job, they'll do fine."

During the off-season, McGwire said he is aiming to hit at least 50 home runs this year. If he succeeds, he would become the

first player in history to reach the mark in four straight seasons.

Despite McGwire and company leading the league with 223 home runs last year, the Cardinals finished sixth in runs scored.

Batting in front of McGwire, rookie left fielder J.D. Drew is projected to add some spark to the Cards lineup this year. After being called up to the majors last September, Drew slammed five home runs and had 13 RBI's in 14 games.

"He'll be great for them," Schiller said. "He did a good job during the later part of last year and he'll be a big plus. He's a great outfielder."

With Drew, free agent pick-up Eric Davis and veteran Ray Lankford in the outfield, St. Louis

is hoping it won't miss Brian Jordan's .316 average, 25 home runs and 91 RBI's.

In the infield, the Cardinals added All-Star shortstop Edgar Renteria. Joining him will be veterans David Howard and Pat Kelly.

Overall, many Cardinals fans are not sure what 1999 will bring for the team. Many fans are concerned with the Cardinals' pitching and say there are too many "ifs." Nonetheless, Cardinals fans are excited for a brand new season.

"I'd love to see them come up in first place, but my heart says it's going to be more like third," assistant provost John Jasinski said. "But on the other hand they'll make some money with McGwire and company and hopefully they'll provide a lot of fun."

New era dawning for Royals



Call me a loser, a nerd, kiss-up or whatever other names you can think of, but I hate it when I have to miss class.

But if there was ever a day where I didn't mind missing class, Monday was it. I mean, what sort of lecture could be better than

experiencing the excitement of major league baseball's opening day?

I was fortunate enough to attend the Royals' home opener. Yeah, the Royals lost the game. But it was just one game.

Don't put this paper down thinking this is going to be a story questioning the Royals' motives and discussing their economic woes.

Nope, let me tell you that I think the Kansas City club is in good hands and is finally serious about beginning a new era.

Stop laughing. I'm being serious.

I'll admit I'm a fan who has looked at the Royals year after year and wondered what the heck they were trying to accomplish by filling their roster with a bunch of no-names. But as I sat and listened to Royals manager Tony Muser during Monday's post-game press conference, I realized that it was merely ignorance on my part.

First and foremost, the Royals are victims of a terrible economic gap that's plaguing baseball more and more each year. But the club has a goal and a philosophy, and I predict good times will be back in Kansas City soon.

I think it starts with Muser. One thing he went back to again and again Monday was the fact that he's trying to sell the players on playing top-notch baseball no matter what their abilities are. He realizes he's right in the trenches with his players. He cares about them and he's going to lead them to the best of his ability.

"You gotta be a good seller," Muser said. "A lot of people in baseball said Tommy Lasorda wasn't a good manager, but I tell you what, that son of a gun could sell. When he told a player he could play, that player thought he could play. That goes a long way. That's a part of my job believing in the players, and believing in character, giving character a good look."

The Royals have got players like third baseman Joe Randa and shortstop Rey Sanchez who have never been everyday players, but because of a coach like Muser, they are going to grow into respectable everyday players this year.

Randa hit a home run for the to start things off, and Sanchez teamed up with second baseman Carlos Febles for four double plays, including a one-out, bases loaded double play that halted the Red Sox offense from blowing the game open in the eighth.

The Royals remind me of those infamous Cleveland Indians in the film "Major League." Most of us know the story — the Indians owner brings in a load of has-been's and never-will-be's. Then the club finds out about the owner's plan to move the team south, they get on a streak and live happily ever after by winning the pennant.

Ironically, the theme music of "Major League" played on the public address system prior to the start of the Royals' opener. And as I watched the game, the same what-if scenario was dancing in my head. Muser seems to believe in it, saying the Royals know their economic status and didn't practice all spring to lose.

"I think it's a group of people that understands where we're at," he said. "They read the papers. They know what's going on. They feel like they can win, they don't quit. They battle and they oughtta be proud of that. They oughtta be proud of the spring we've had. Now, we go into new territory and we gotta continue that."

Beyond Muser, I saw a refreshing and enthusiastic crowd of fans at Kauffman Stadium Monday. The fans behind home plate were actually cheering, chanting and clapping for Royals players as they stepped into the batter's box.

With talk swirling of the things that possible new owner Miles Prentice can do for the Royals franchise, there is a great sense of hope and optimism that the Royals may be on their way back up.

The bottom line, folks, is that this team is going to get it turned around soon, and eventually we'll all be skipping classes to see the Royals play.

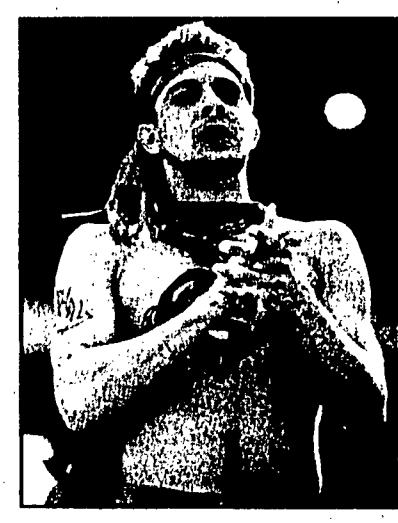
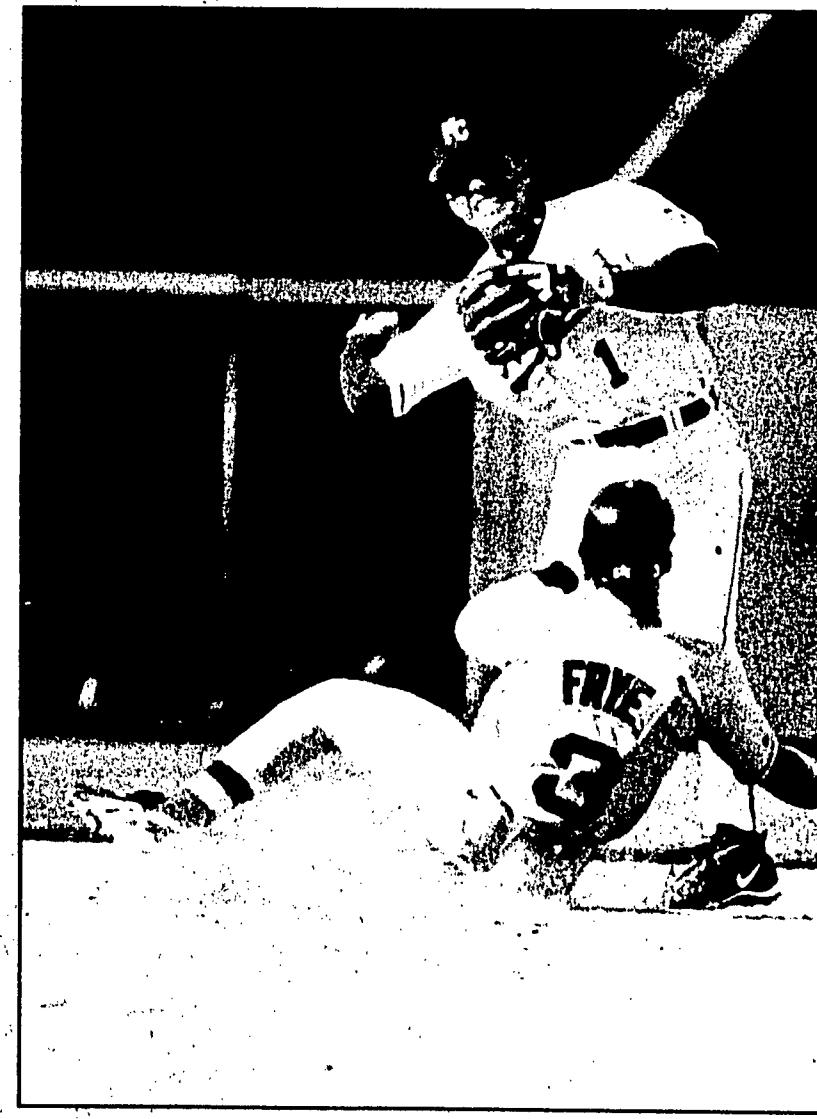
Mark Hornickel is the sports editor for The Northwest Missourian.



Royals fans Todd Lawrence and Erik Schmidt enjoy a few laughs, brews and polish sausage before opening day at Kauffman Stadium Monday. Over 40,000 fans came out to cheer on the Royals in their 1999 opener. Many fans brought their own grills and tailgated before the game.



Prospective owner Miles Prentice (left) jokes with Royals great George Brett and WDAF sportscaster Frank Boal before the game.



Jamie Carolla, a Royals "Superfan" cheers on the team with a group of friends from Lee's Summit. Carolla and friends have been attending the opener for four years.



Royals first baseman Jeff King takes a big hack at an offering from Red Sox hurler Pedro Martinez. King took some mighty swings Monday afternoon, but had nothing to show for it, going 0-for-3 with two strikeouts. The Royals lost the game 5-3.

Royals, Red Sox play ball

Royals starting pitcher Kevin Appier officially started the season with a strike to Red Sox designated hitter Jose Offerman.

The Royals took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on a homerun by third baseman Joe Randa, a single by left fielder Johnny Damon and a double by designated hitter Larry Sutton.

However, Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez was too much for the Royals the rest of the way. Martinez pitched seven innings and struck out nine batters, while giving up three runs for the victory.

Boston tied the game, 2-2, in the top half of the third when third baseman John Valentin hit a two-run shot to center field.

The Red Sox scored two more runs on a walk by shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, a double by center fielder Troy O'Leary and singles by first baseman Mike Stanley and catcher Scott Hatteberg to go ahead, 4-2, in the sixth.

The Royals added a run in the seventh, but the Red Sox scored a run of their own to seal the victory in the ninth inning.

Appier took the loss for the Royals in five and one-third innings of work. He gave up four runs on eight hits and struck out one.

Despite getting booed every time he stepped to the plate for Boston, Offerman, a former Royal, led the Red Sox by going 4-for-5 with two

singles, a double and a triple.

After the loss, Muser is still very optimistic about the team's character and chances in 1999.

"We've got a good club and a good group of people," Muser said. "They are rooting down to the last out. We'll get into situations where guys have to have rest and (infielder Scott) Scarsone will play a part to get everybody in there and swinging some bats so that everybody feels a part of the club. You know, one day doesn't make a season. It's gonna take awhile. But there will be some adjustments and some closeness that we hope develops even stronger through the season."

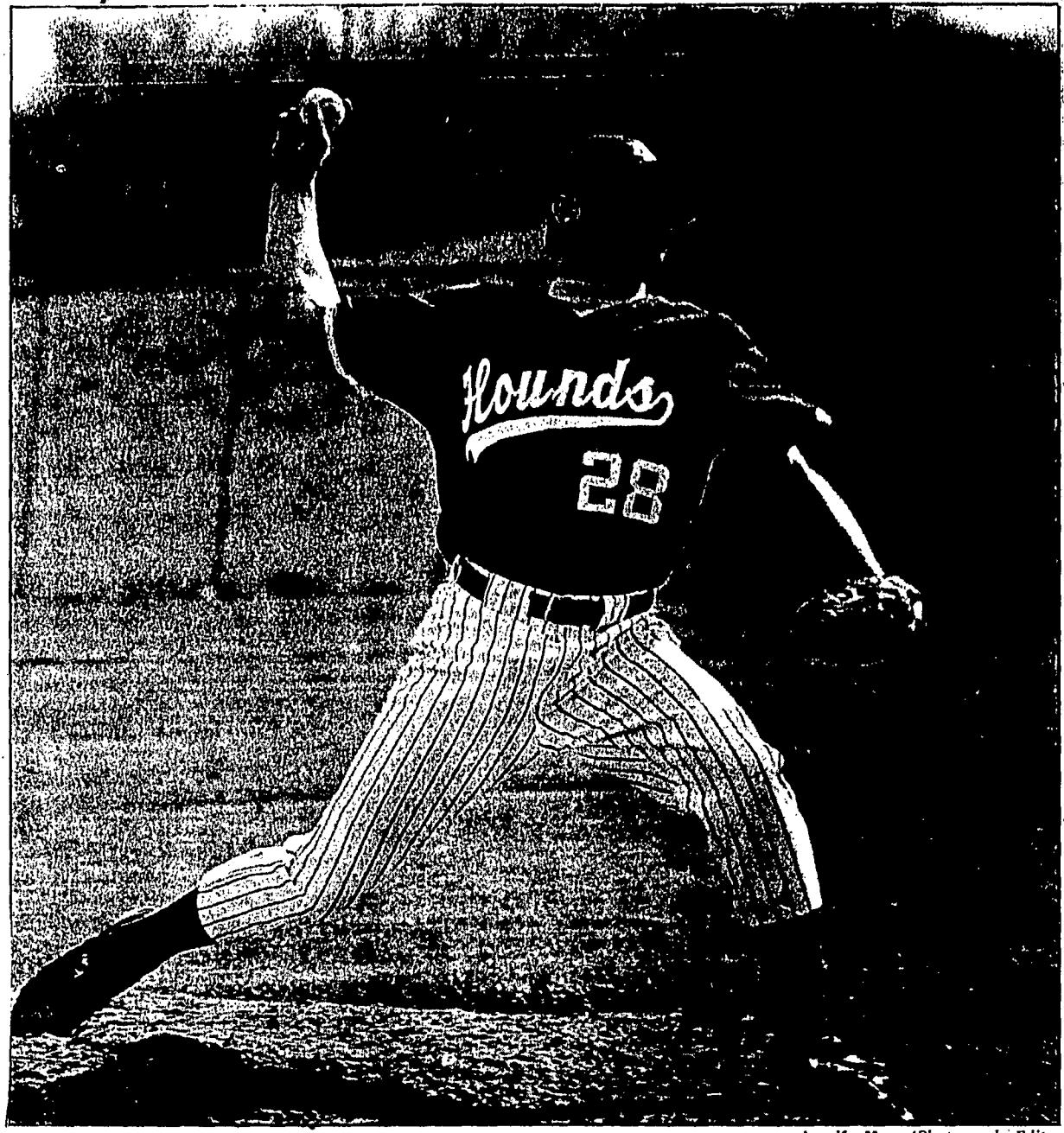
A bright future?

On the horizon, the Royals, who have been floundering since the death of founder Ewing Kauffman in 1993, may finally get a new owner in New York lawyer Miles Prentice. However, fans will have to wait until at least July for approval from major league baseball.

Despite the wait, fans have warmed to Prentice and enjoy the thought of him taking over as owner of the Royals. Although many fans have a few suggestions too.

"They need to play over .500 ball," said Amy Houston of Kansas City. "Hopefully, we'll see a new team, a new atmosphere, and hopefully they'll get there act together."

Spoofhounds struggle on diamond



Spoofhound pitcher Heath Reynolds hurls a pitch at home plate Wednesday on a 3-2 count. In the first four innings, Reynolds walked three batter after hitting them with pitches. The Hounds fell to Savannah, 5-2.

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

Having a week and a half break did not help the Maryville baseball team stay on the winning track, as they lost to Savannah Wednesday.

The Spoofhounds, 2-2 on the year, lost a 5-2 decision to the Savages, who are 4-1 on the season.

Having the break was a factor for the 'Hounds but the team will get back into their usual flow with the games coming up on the schedule, head coach Brian Lohafer said.

"We were kind of stale after having a week and a half off, but we are coming up on three straight weeks in which we will have three games a week to improve upon," Lohafer said.

The Spoofhounds jumped out to a 2-1 lead in the first inning against Savannah when senior designated hitter Russ Wiederholt batted in senior second baseman DJ Merrill before senior first basemen Chad Peterson scored on a fly-out by senior left fielder John Edmonds.

The pitching performance of Sav- age hurler John Sietz, who went the distance, was solid. He did not let Maryville score any more runs in the first inning, and the 'Hounds left two stranded on base.

After tying the game in the second inning, Savannah went to work offensively in the third when

Sietz singled, driving in a run to take the lead. The Sav- ages scored two more runs in the inning against Reynolds to finish the scoring for the rest of the game.

The two pitchers battled for the next two innings until Reynolds was brought out in the top of the sixth inning by Lohafer for sophomore Steve Morrison.

"Heath did some excellent pitch- ing to start the game for us, but when he had trouble in the third the team went cold in hitting, which was kind of weird," Lohafer said.

This was the first varsity game Morrison pitched in and he delivered by striking out four batters.

"My control and change-ups were working good in the game and it made me more relaxed to perform well," Morrison said.

Lohafer said the coaching staff was looking for a good time to put Morrison in the game.

The next game for the 'Hounds is at 4 p.m. Thursday when they play host to the Cameron Dragons in the first conference game of the year. Peterson, 1-0, will get the start.



Last weekend David Duval won the Players' Championship, putting him in a high enough position to push Tiger Woods out of the ranks for best player in the world.

Some may remember my column last

year about how Tiger was not all he was roared up to be, but I will not bask in my own glorious predictions today. For I have another to make.

Duval has been acclaimed the world's best, but I believe in order to claim this title one must succeed in defeating Augusta. That's right, he must become a Master.

It's true, he is on a roll toward a series of birdies and has been for the past two years. Duval has been victorious in 30 percent of his starts from the end of 1997.

He is also being referred to as the most confident player on the PGA Tour, especially after his win at the TPC at Sawgrass. He maintained his serious, but polite, attitude and acknowledged all of the proper golf etiquette all the way to the 18th hole.

Unfortunately, being respectful to the greens does not always prove to be a favorable trait.

Instead, a long, consistently straight drive into the fairway and a clever mind around the greens will take home the most respected forest green jacket in all of sports.

The greens at Augusta are known to be easy and will throw a player from one side to the other with only a tap. This is something Duval will want to pay close attention to as he prepares his short game for the event. Augusta is famous for its speedy surfaces which I predict will cost Duval a three-putt or two.

One may be interested in who I do think can get the job done, and no, it isn't the Tiger cub. This golf advocate gave up on that man after he went a year and a half with only two victories on the tour.

However, I do have a linkster in mind. Well, I have my hopes anyway. Let's see how golf-savvy each of you are; try guessing who fits the description.

The most recent and possibly easiest detectable trait of this long-baller is the fact that he lost his temper in the Player's Championship and broke a sprinkler head with his club. It flooded an area comparable to a sand trap, which was not the smoothest move he has made in his career. However, I do appreciate seeing a little livelihood in the fairways.

This man finished in the top ten in six of his seven starts of the season. In the last four years he has had three top ten finishes on the grounds of the green jacket. My pick of the season is ranked second in the PGA's scoring average, third in the total number of birdies he has accumulated and ninth in approach shots to the green.

If you haven't guessed who I am eagerly awaiting to approach Augusta's clubhouse with a bright and shiny Master's jacket, hold onto your seats. It's a stra, but I am going with Davis Love III. But who knows? Tiger might be up for a second.

Burton Taylor is the University news editor for The Northwest Missourian.

Golf's best may choke at Master's



Senior shortstop Nick Glasnapp tries to get back to second base to tag a Savannah runner for an out in the third inning. Maryville's next game will be at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor

Linksters win 2 straight

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor



Maryville 152
LeBlond 174

THE LEADERS

Maryville: Matt Van Cleave, 33

Maryville's golf team got help from the sunny weather Tuesday and beat St. Joseph LeBlond for its second straight win.

Maryville shot 152 to a team to beat LeBlond's score of 174 on nine holes.

"It was a pretty fun meet," sophomore Matt Van Cleave said. "We had perfect weather and not much wind so the scoring was really good. That's the best since I've been here."

Van Cleave led the 'Hounds and earned a personal best with a score of 33.

Freshman Brian Prokes notched a score of 38 and senior Dan Billings followed by stroking a 39. Juniors Jesmine Ehlers and Marty Prokes rounded out the scoring with 42 each.

The 'Hounds also defeated conference-rival Lafayette last Thursday, 154-194, as Van Cleave led the team with a score of 37 on nine holes.

"We got off to a good start so far and hopefully we can keep it going and not let down," Van Cleave said. "The scores have shown it so far."

Netters live up to expectations, 3-0

by Blake Drehle
Chief Reporter

What hoped to be a successful season for the Maryville boys' tennis team is being delivered with a early 3-0 record.

The 'Hounds have been living up to their expectations, showing they are a strong team and able to win matches, head coach P.K. Krokstrom said.

"We are building on our play and know things will get better because the season is still early," Krokstrom said. "We are not in as good shape as we would like to be, but we will get there."

The next match for the 'Hounds will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at the University high rises in non-conference play against the Benton Cardinals.

"It should be an interesting match because Benton will be coming in here looking to end our winning streak," Krokstrom said.

Maryville earned its third straight victory with a 7-2 win against St. Joesph LeBlond Tuesday.

Junior Casey Headley was able to complete singles play for Maryville, destroying his competition, 8-0, at the No. 6 spot.

After falling behind 3-0 in

singles play, senior No. 1 player Deno Groumoutis came back to win his match 8-4.

"The player I faced had improved impressively from last year, coming out strong in the first three matches to win them," Groumoutis said. "I was surprised by the way he improved and knew that if I didn't get myself in gear I would lose."

Senior Jeremy Gaa was not as successful losing, 8-6, at the No. 2 spot.

There was a strong comeback at the No. 3 spot by senior Casey Headley, who won his match in a 9-7 tiebreaker.

"It was a tough win," Headley said. "My opponent was exceptionally good and I was lucky to get to the win, because of the little knowledge I had about his play."

Senior Yao Young defeated his opponent, 8-5, at the No. 4 spot.

Senior Dan Walter, who returned to his position after a leg injury, lost an 8-4 decision at the No. 5 spot.

"It is feeling pretty good to get back to playing, but I felt a little rusty on the court after playing basketball and suffering my injury," Walter said.

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Senior Deno Groumoutis sends a backhand sailing over the net in his match with a LeBlond opponent Tuesday. Groumoutis won the match 8-4. He also paired up with senior Jeremy Gaa to take their match in doubles competition.

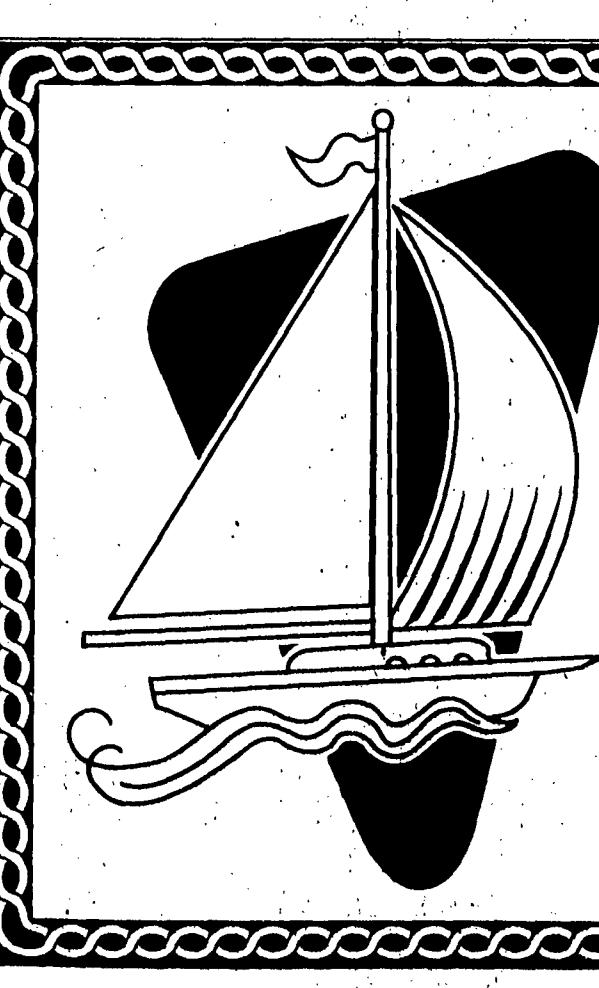
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St. Joseph boxer wins, moves on

by Wendy Broker
Assistant Sports Editor

A St. Joseph boxer has a chance at another world title after a victory Saturday night.

Rob Calloway, a former WAA light heavyweight world champion, went 12 rounds in the International Boxing Association cruiserweight bout with Darryl Spinks, son of former world heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, to earn the IBA continental cruiserweight title at St. Joseph Frontier Casino.

The win bumps Calloway's record up to 34-2, but it wasn't an easy fight, he said.

"My left jab was the key because he's a south paw and he's used to seeing right hands," Calloway said. "Mine was just better than his and it really controlled the fight. It was about as tough as I thought it would be. I thought I would knock him out in the later rounds, but it didn't happen that way."

Nonetheless, Calloway earned the victory and the right to face Kenny Keene for the IBA World cruiserweight title at the end of May.

"It will be the biggest bout I've ever had and definitely the toughest fight of my career so far," Calloway said. "Keene's never been knocked out. He has three losses, all going into 12 rounds. So it may be another long fight, but I think I'll win."

The match, which will be shown on ESPN 2, will be fought in Keene's hometown of Boise, Idaho. The date for the fight will be announced within the next few days.

Nearly 4,000 fans turned out for Calloway's bout last weekend. Those in attendance saw Calloway use his left jab until Spinks' eye swelled shut, near the end of the 10th round.

The card also featured junior middleweight Corey Spinks who toppled Kenny Manuel of Tulsa, Okla. Indianapolis middleweight Kenny "Downtown" Brown dropped a four-round decision to Tulsa's Ronnie Warrior Jr.

Heavyweight Benji Baker, from Paducah, Ky., trampled Steve "Duke" Earls from Kansas City. Bantam-weight Brenda "Mouse" Rouse of Bartlesville, Okla., chalked up a fourth round technical knockout over Oklahoma City's Patty "Stick and Move" Stickler, while Ubrey Sinbanwon, middleweight from South Africa overtook Kansas City's Jesse "Mexican Assassin" Aquino in a six-round decision.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MARYVILLE
Deno Groumoutis has been instrumental at the No. 1 spot for the boys' tennis team going 3-0 to start the year.

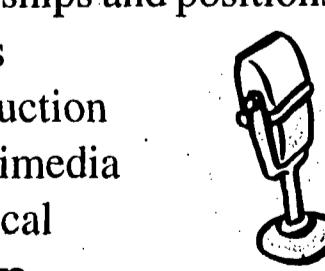
Besides being undefeated Groumoutis, along with partner, senior Jeremy Gaa, has helped the Spoofhounds go 3-0 at the No. 1 spot at doubles.



Deno Groumoutis

JUNIOR
Junior Varick Dabney, a member of the Northwest track and field team, helped the 'Cats to a first-place finish in Saturday's Northwest Invitational.

Dabney took first-place finishes in 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash. In addition, he helped the 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams to first place finishes.



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Softball team drops 2 games

by Shannon Ross
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcat softball team played a double header Wednesday against Wayne State College in Nebraska.

The 'Cats struggled with their pitching and came away with two losses.

In the first game, the Bearcats started off slow and gave up three runs in the first inning. However, they were able to stay close and tie the game up by scoring two runs in the third inning and one in the fourth. Unfortunately, Wayne State drove in two more runs in the sixth inning and won 5-3.

Junior first baseman Sara Moss, junior third baseman Amanda Urquhart and junior pinch hitter Laura Harville each had a double in the first game.

Urquhart also hit a triple and a homerun over the center field fence in the second game in hopes of bringing the 'Cats closer to a win, but the team's defense could not hold on and the Wildcats won, 6-4.

"We really struggled with our pitching against Wayne State," head coach Pam Knox said. "We played poor defense and our hitting just was not on."

The 'Cats also played two conference teams at home last weekend and went 2-2 against Missouri Southern State College and Pittsburg State University.

"Missouri Southern has always given us a run for our money each year," Knox said. "In the first game we came out ready to go and we were confident with our game, and that

helped us come out with a 2-0 win. "The second game, however, we did not execute a few offensive plays and our pitchers were getting caught behind in the count which contributed to the 3-1 loss. We also did not keep our hitting up, and against a good team like Southern we cannot do that."

The 'Cats went 1-1 against Pittsburg State University with a 5-4 loss and a 5-0 win.

"In the second game we came out with more intensity and our players really started clicking together," Knox said. "Jessica Rupiper did a great job pitching against Pitt State."

Rupiper, a freshman, received a trial by fire two weeks ago at Emporia State University. After pitching just one inning in her college career and giving up three runs in that inning, Rupiper was thrust into a tough situation against the Hornets. She entered the game with one out and the bases loaded, and gave up just one run en route to taking the first victory of her college career.

Then, she got a start against Pittsburg State on Saturday and came through again, blanking the Gorillas 5-0.

At this point in the season the 'Cats are hoping to start a big winning streak.

"I think the lack of playing early this season came up and bit us again last week," said Knox. "We are not playing badly, but we are hoping that this week we can sweep some double-headers and get a winning streak going."

The 'Cats will be on the road this weekend with two doubleheaders.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor
Junior left fielder Kendra Smith tries to bunt in Saturday's match-up against Pittsburg State University. The 'Cats and Gorillas split the doubleheader.

'Cats continue success, prep for MIAA

by Wendy Broker
Assistant Sports Editor

Ending the regular season with a bang is the goal of the men's and women's tennis teams as only two weeks remain before the conference tournament.

The men are preparing to face off against Washburn University Thursday at home. They will travel for matches against Nebraska Wesleyan University Friday and Truman State University Saturday.

"We've gotten a few wins under our belt recently, and we are just looking to do well against Washburn and Truman," said McConnell. "Truman also made the final round of the singles matchups, falling to Darren Heck of Johnson

said. "We are ready to perform at the top of our game against each of those teams. They will be really tough matches for us, and important for conference rankings. Now's the time, if there is going to be one, for us to be ready for whatever."

Despite the tough competition Washburn brings, the men are bringing a two-match winning streak along with them.

They took second in an eight-team tournament at Emporia State University last weekend, topping conference rival Emporia State.

Freshman Christian Gustafsson won the singles division of the meet. McConnell also made the final round of the singles matchups, falling to Darren Heck of Johnson

County Community College 6-2, 7-6 at the No. 5/6 singles spot.

The team also picked up a 5-4 win against Graceland College Tuesday. Gustafsson, junior Kornell Ramada, McConnell and freshman Steve Nichols won singles matches.

WOMEN'S look to Truman, conference

The women's team will take on Truman State University Saturday, before taking a week break to prepare for upcoming tournaments.

Senior Yasmine Osborn said playing Truman is just another step the women have to take.

"We are just looking to go out there and get it done," Osborn said. "They're not too shabby. We aren't too worried about them. It will be a

nice warm up for getting back into the swing of things from the weekend. We had the weekend off and couldn't practice on Monday, but we had a really good practice (Wednesday)."

The women bring a 9-0 slaughter of Graceland Tuesday, and a 5-4 loss to undefeated Washburn last Thursday into the match.

"Washburn just came at a really bad time for us," Osborn said. "We were tired because we played all through break. You can't practice bad and be a good player in matches. We had been having mediocre practices. But now we are looking forward to practicing well and kicking some booty at conference."

WEEKLY SPORTS PLANNER

APRIL 8-15



BASEBALL

Saturday	Rockhurst (DH)	1:00
Sunday	Peru State (DH)	1:00
Wednesday	Central (DH)	Noon

SOFTBALL

Saturday	Rolla (DH)	1:00
Sunday	Lincoln (DH)	1:00

TRACK & FIELD

Saturday	D-II Challenge in Emporia, Kan.	1:00
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MEN'S TENNIS

Thursday	Washburn	3:00
Friday	Nebraska Wesleyan	3:30
Saturday	Truman State	1:00
Monday	Neb. Kearney	3:00

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Saturday	Truman State	1:00
Monday	Neb. Kearney	3:00

BASEBALL

Thursday	Cameron	4:30
Tuesday	LeBlond	4:30

TRACK & FIELD

Friday	Clarinda	5:00
Tuesday	Maryville	4:00

BOYS' GOLF

Monday	Cameron/Chillicothe	4:00
Tuesday	Shenandoah	4:30
Thursday	Benton	4:00

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Tuesday	Shenandoah	4:30

MIAA BASEBALL STANDINGS

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Central	8 1	26 6
Lincoln	10 3	23 8
Pitt State	8 3	25 7
Southwest	8 6	17 12
Truman	6 6	16 19
Washburn	5 6	16 10
Emporia	4 6	12 20
Northwest	5 8	10 14
MidWest	3 6	9 22
Mo. Southern	3 8	9 24
Rolla	2 9	7 19

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It's over. No more of those ridiculous Proposition B commercials. Whether you were for it or whether you were against it, you've got to admit those ads lacked more taste than a lawn full of porcelain garden gnomes.

Come on, is anybody buying the story that a 5-foot, 100-pound woman's parents were gunned down in front of her, along with a diner full of others? And if only she'd been packing a gun in her purse the outcome would have been different.

Girls, take a look-see in your purses. Now, which one of the 50 zipper pockets hidden foot deep in the bowels of your over-the-shoulder suitcase would you use to conceal a weapon?

Or how about the guy, with wife and baby beside him, who poignantly depicts his nightly dances with death as a TOW TRUCK DRIVER. I think what brought that one home for me was the intense struggle he endured while reading that jargon from a cue card.

Lastly, if you think any cops in the inner cities of St. Louis and Kansas City are giddy about the notion of "Knuckles" and "Niki the Fish" packing an arsenal in their pants on a hot August night, you've got another thing coming.

I think the scariest thing about this movement was the intensity it generated from its supporters. Guys with brand new trucks plastered their bumpers with "Vote Yes on Prop. B" stickers. These are the same guys who have the stickers of Calvin urinating on the Chevy logo in their back window. Or the always biting, "If you don't like my driving call 1-800-EAT-S***" sticker may also be proudly displayed as to indicate their discriminating comedic palate.

You should know that I come from a family of hunters, so I know all the rhetoric behind the argument, "If they can take my pistol away, they're sure as hell comin' after my huntin' rifle next." People, this state has more deer per square mile than we do fireworks warehouses.

Besides, we can't in good conscience forget about the innocent taxidermists in all of this. Don't worry Clyde, you can still blow away squirrels for recreation with or without Proposition B.

Meanwhile, where was the opposition, you may ask? They were too busy making wild declarations about the travesty and danger that would befall the masses if this

measure passed. They may not have had the money the other side had, but they were just as nuts.

How many people did you hear say, "All I know is, if this thing passes, I ain't going to a ball game ever again." I know you heard someone declare, "Well, with all the killin' in the schools..." Or maybe someone said something like, "I've seen one too many disagreements at the bars..."

I can't believe I'm about to say this, but folks, give one another some credit. Suddenly every facet of life would be saturated with sawed-off shot guns and bazookas with the implementation of Proposition B?

Yes, some people are hot-heads, and yes, some people believe Y2K is an actual crisis, but MOST people don't think Red Man versus Copenhagen is a debate worth killing over.

And most of the morons at the bars who fly into rages because "you looked at me wrong," don't have the ability to speak, much less operate a weapon.

And no, your kid isn't going to tote a rifle to school in his backpack as long as you don't forget to put "ol' Betsy" away after you're finished playing Davy Crockett in your back yard.

And finally, if a toothless fat lady at Toys 'R Us has to have the last Furby in stock for her eleventh child, let her have it. Actually, that has little to do with what I'm talking about, but it's probably good advice anyway.

Only in this state while people go hungry, education is lacking and money is tight, are we debating our right to carry weapons.

Folks, our Constitution says we have the right to "bear arms," and that's good enough for me. Those who interpret that to mean "I have the right to hold up a liquor store, or shoot someone because they cut me off on the highway" are unacceptable. And for those people, we have luxury accommodations in Leavenworth or perhaps a comfortable chair for one courtesy of the electric company.

So enjoy your weapons and respect your right to own one. It's a right our forefathers gave us to use responsibly. But keep in mind our forefathers didn't have laser-guided scopes on their semi-automatic rocket launchers either.

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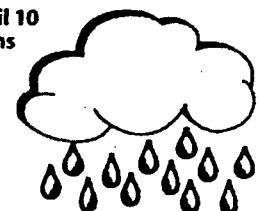
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WEEKEND WEATHER WATCH

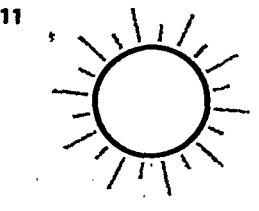
Friday, April 9
Partly cloudy
High of 64°
Low of 38°



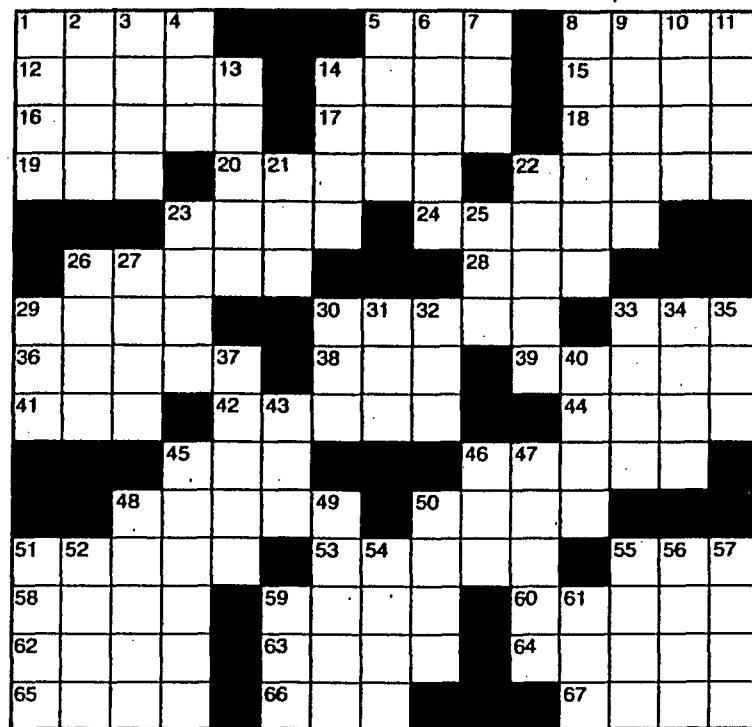
Saturday, April 10
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Sunday, April 11
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Low of 38°



WEEKLY CROSSWORD



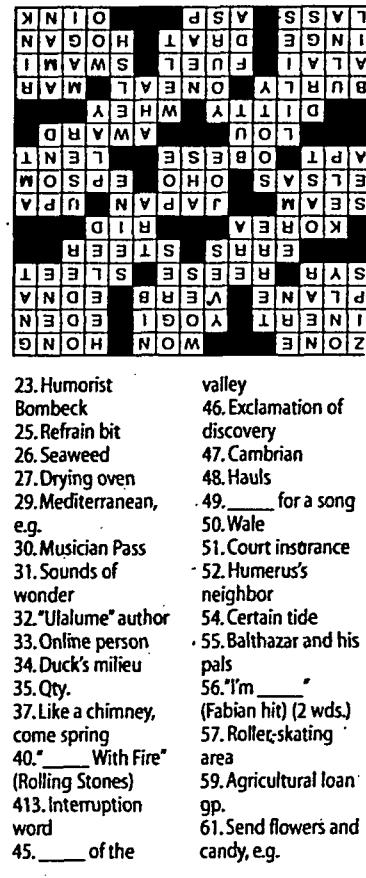
ACROSS

1. "The Twilight
5. Took the cake
8. _____ Kong
12. Lifelless
14. Jellystone picnic-hasket filcher
15. Place of bliss
16. Leveling tool
17. It might be transitive
18. Actress Best
19. Part of the Mideast: abbr.
20. Teammate to Roe and Robinson
22. It's no match for the postman
23. Miscalculates
24. Bullock
25. 1988 Olympics site
28. Eliminate
29. Garment connection
30. Nippon
33. _____ tree (2 wds.)
36. Maxwell and Lanchester
38. Cry of surprise
39. Surrey racetrack locale
41. Clever
42. Opposite of emaciated
44. It begins on Ash Wednesday
45. Bud's bantering

DOWN

1. Moves energetically
2. "In Name _____ (Cary Grant film)
3. Within reach
4. Seafowl
5. Trials
6. Folklore giants
7. Bird's bill
8. Well-_____ (rich)
9. More strange
10. Island goose
11. No-see-um
13. Earth: Fr.
14. Montauk or Saint Laurent
21. Notable time
22. Dijon waterway

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